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8 trees will be removed immediately

■ The removal of 5 other trees in Canyon Trail Park has been delayed until fall

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — As of Wednesday (June 20) eight Monterey pine trees are slated to be immediately cut down at Canyon Trail Park. The city had been planning to remove about 13 trees this month that pose a potential hazard, but for now at least, will only remove eight pines in the lower portion of the park near the creek.

Five more trees in the upper portion of the park on the north side of the tennis courts will be removed in the fall and replaced with other trees. The eight trees are expected to be removed next week (the work week of June 25).

"Removing Monterey pines in the middle of summer can bring the red turpentine beetle in," Bruce King, the city's maintenance and engineering services manager, said on Monday. King said that "remedial measures" such as treating the freshly cut stumps with insecticide can prevent beetle infestation. "You can still do some other removal at this time of year, but you would have to take some other precautions," he said. King said the city certainly does not want to do

anything that may bring another pest into the park.

In an e-mail made public, Dr. Andrew Storer of UC Berkeley's Division of Insect Biology said that "this is absolutely the worst time of year to be cutting trees" and warned of the red turpentine beetle breeding in the stumps. Storer said Monterey pines should be cut between the months of November and February.

Rosemary Loubal, El Cerrito resident and member of the Park and Recreation Commission, spoke before the City Council on May 29 and called for a "moratorium on further tree cutting in El Cerrito parks and streets until late fall of 2001." She said any tree that is an imminent threat to life or property could be cut immediately, but that the burden of proof should be on the city's staff and reviewed by the city manager using "strict criteria for what constitutes 'imminent threat.'"

At this week's council meeting Loubal called the park a "beautiful and special place" and urged the community to work together.

"In these days of environmental awareness, we now know that if you cut something down you may be preventing something, but you could be inheriting something else," she said.

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Middle school language program faces changes

■ Educators question budget-cutting proposal to reduce 7th grade foreign language instruction

By Matt Petersen

STAFF WRITER

Foreign language advocates at the middle school level will be pleading their case when the school board meets June 26 to decide how to handle district-mandated cuts to the foreign studies department.

As it stands now, Albany Middle School provides a yearlong course of French and Spanish at the seventh grade level as well as a full year of each for eighth graders. Due to the districts' budget issues, the board informed the school in March that cuts would have to be made in the department.

Stephenson will be presenting three different scenarios for the board to consider at the meeting and the most probable outline to be considered will be to form an "elective wheel" where seventh graders would take a quarter of French, a quarter of Spanish, a quarter of art and a quarter of drama. This scenario would eliminate a full class period out of the day and save the district about \$93,000 out of the budget according to board President Marsha Skinner. It would cut four classes and also 40 percent of a full time equivalent at the school.

A full year of foreign language would still be offered at the eighth grade level and would be considered a full year equivalent. Up until last year, two years of language at the middle school level equaled one full year at the high school level.

This new plan is troubling to some in the foreign language de-

partment who feel that all the curriculum that will be condensed into one year at the eighth grade level and the resulting attrition level will be too high. Also, a quarter of each language in the seventh grade (figuring out to eight weeks of lesson for each language) is not enough time for a student to begin getting their feet wet, they contend.

"It really changes the amount of time for one student to learn a foreign language and it takes an incredible amount of time to learn the language," said AMS Spanish instructor and department head, Michael Dewall.

Another proposition that will be brought to the board is to give students a choice in their seventh grade year to take a full semester of Spanish or French along with the quarters of art and drama. Or give seventh graders the alternative to take a whole year of language if they want.

Albany middle school principal Maria Stephenson says that idea is a longshot since the school won't know until after registration how much staffing will be needed. The scenario of a quarter of French and one of Spanish will finalize a set staffing schedule as well as give students a variety of influences. Having a set program schedule is key because there won't be any superfluous programs scheduled that would bend the budget.

"(The second scenario) isn't as tight as I need it to be," said Stephenson. "I need to be economical and I need as tight of a schedule as possible while retaining as much of the elective wheel as possible."

But a tightened schedule is exactly what Dewall and others are fearful about. They wonder

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Take a bow, Class of 2001

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL graduates dance at their seats as they listen to James Brown's "I Feel Good" played by Rhythm Bound at the June 15 graduation commencement (top). At the ceremony at the Berkeley Community Theatre, class Valedictorian Bonnie Huang spoke about procrastination. The moments leading up to the ceremony are captured by parent John Shen, who takes a digital snap-shot of his son, Jerry, as the graduates marched into the theater.



Mapping work will reveal creek's hidden portions

■ Baxter Creek part of larger project to study county watersheds

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Friends of Baxter Creek are making plans to really get to know their friend. At their June 14 FOBC meeting members of the group began plans to map a segment of Baxter Creek as part of county-wide watershed atlas.

Abby Fateman and Tina Yin of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum gave a talk about the wa-

tershed atlas, a proposed planning document for all 20 primary watersheds in the county. After having a training day to learn how to use sophisticated and highly accurate global positioning system (GPS) equipment, volunteers from FOBC will map a selected section of Baxter Creek. They said volunteer groups such as FOBC will help collect data throughout the county.

Baxter Creek and its branches flow through parts of northern El Cerrito and southeast Richmond to the San Francisco Bay southeast of the Richmond Marina Bay. The Contra Costa Wa-

tershed Forum is a consortium of local government, community and non-profit groups whose purpose is to coordinate discussion and planning of countywide creek and watershed issues. The watershed atlas project is funded by a CALFED grant.

"What they want to do is look at the creeks, using consistent protocol across all the creeks, so that we can compare data about what's going on and also map the creeks," Fateman said about the planned watershed atlas. "There are a number of different types of data that can be collected — there's chemical, there's hydro-

logical, there's physical, there's biological — and all the data is important."

Yin said information collected for the atlas will be plotted in a large database "on which we can collect all different kinds of information and then put out different layers typically viewed in a mapping format." Eventually all county watersheds, including Baxter Creek, will have layers of data included in the atlas, but Fateman and Yin said that goal may take years to accomplish.

"The watershed atlas will be

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El Cerrito increases parking ticket fines

■ The last increase in fines came in 1993

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Parking illegally on city streets will get a bit

more expensive come this August. This week the City Council unanimously voted to raise most parking violation fines by \$10, effective Aug. 1.

Most parking fines will be increased to \$30, but with several exceptions.

The fine for illegally parking in a bus zone, will increase from \$20 to \$250 to be consistent with the state vehicle code.

The fine for removing a chalk mark from a parked vehicle's tire will be \$43 and violators of a designated four-hour parking zone will be fined \$41.

Parking on a city street in excess of 72 hours will be \$33; parking on a city street to per-

form car repairs will be \$33.

In his report to the council Police Chief Scott Kirkland noted that the city's parking fees have not been increased since September 1993.

He also pointed out that a number of state mandated fees are deducted from the collected fines prior to the city receiving its share from the state Office of Revenue Collection (ORC). Kirkland said that for a \$20 fine, the city receives \$12.50.

In 2000 the city received a total of \$102,545 from parking fine payments; in 1999 \$64,120 was received. Thus far in 2001 (January through April) the city has received \$68,961 from the ORC

for parking violation collections.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori asked Kirkland if he thought some of the new fine amounts were high enough. Kirkland said he was comfortable with the fines as recommended, but would have no objections if the council made changes. "What's to prevent us from living with these until the mid-year review and then deciding that they need to be adjusted?" Brusatori asked.

Later in the meeting Councilman Mark Friedman noted many of the fines will be increased 50 percent.

"I think it's pretty hefty," he said about the new fines.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

20 years of swapping down home vintage sounds, recorded and otherwise

This month marked the 20th anniversary of the record swap meet held the second Sunday morning of every month in the parking lot of Down Home Music in El Cerrito. This is a unique event in that it brings together collectors from all over the area to swap and buy records and other musical memorabilia from the early years of the century.

Sometimes the regulars at these meetings, and there are some who rarely if ever miss a meet, break out various stringed instruments, harmonicas, kazoes, washboards, and make some of that good old time music themselves. Several play professionally, and the rest have been picking and plucking for a long time.

The music is acoustical and has the immediacy, charm, and excitement of something people create together for their own enjoyment. Many of the selections are old pop and jazz

tunes, and others have the feel of music you might hear wafting through the pines from the back porch of some lonesome cabin in the Ozarks.

But the main purpose of the meet is to bring collectors together to swap and buy each other's records. The majority of the records are 78 rpm along with some 33's and 45's. Jazz and hot dance band music of the 1920s and early '30s are the items which most frequently change hands although examples of many other styles can be found.

The great hope of a collector is to find a clean copy of a recording by his favorite artist or a rare item by one of the jazz greats. The latter surface only occasionally, usually when a house is being cleared out or a collector sells his collection at a good price. But every vehicle that drives in with a stack of records is a potential gold mine.



DAVE GREER
Man About Town

Rare items by well known musicians bring the biggest prices. Any Bessie Smith record from 1931 to 1932 in mint condition will fetch \$1,000. A clean copy of Mamie Smith's 1931 "Golfing Papa" goes for \$5,000 to \$700. But even more surprising are the prices paid for records by people most jazz fans never heard of.

Some are noted jazz musicians playing under different leaders or with groups like The California Ramblers who featured some top jazz players and recorded under dozens of band names recognized only by aficionados. And then there are



SOME OF THOSE playing at the 20th anniversary of the record swap meet in El Cerrito from left are Ed Rounds, Lee Murray, Steve Abrams (thimbles on camper top), Fred Dortort, and Al Dodge.

records that don't seem to have anything at all to recommend them but scarcity and yet find buyers.

Old record collecting is such a specialized field that antique dealers don't have any idea how to establish values. One used to appear on a local radio station and tell people to throw

their old records away! (And this after I advised him differently.) There is no telling how many valuable originals this opinionated idiot lost to the world.

The moral of the tale is if you have a stack of old 78's take them round the to the swap meet which starts about 9

a.m. and runs for a couple of hours. Bear in mind that collectors like to buy low and sell high, so get bids from a number of people if you have a record that attracts interest. You may or may not make some money, but you will have fun and perhaps hear some good music.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Summer reading magic

As part of the "Treasure Your Library Summer Reading Program," sponsored by the Contra Costa Public Library and running today through Aug. 25, the El Cerrito Branch Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., presents a "Magical Juggling Comedy Show" on June 23, at 2 p.m. All children are invited to participate in this reward-based program to encourage summer reading. Details: 510-526-7512.

Adult summer classes

Summer session classes start at Albany Adult School this week. These tuition-based, community service classes include foreign languages, many art classes, photography, cooking, music, and computer classes. Those wishing to register in person may do so at the

adult school office, 601 San Gabriel Ave. from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Registration can also be mailed with checks. For more information call 510-559-6580.

Kensington reading fun

The annual summer reading program "Treasure Your Library" takes place through Aug. 18, and is a "treasure hunt" for good books to read. Children can pick up their reading packets starting today and prizes will be awarded those who complete it by reading ten books by Saturday, Aug. 18. The Kensington Library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, noon-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, closed Wednesdays, open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 1-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, regularly closed on Sundays and holidays. The phone

number is 510-524-3043.

Albany reading fun

An exciting summer is in store for kids at the Albany Library. Become a knight and go out on the dragon quest. By reading books you can find the dragon and win prizes. The game sign-ups are now open and the game goes all summer through Aug. 18. Summer programs sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library include: Walter the Giant Storyteller, on Thursday, July 5, at 11 a.m.; Nick Barone Puppet Show, Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m.; Cotton Candy Express, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. Wednesday afternoon films run at 2 p.m., July 11 through Aug. 15 for (ages 3 to 8). For more information call: 526-3720.

POLICE REPORTS

Arrest made in parts store break-in

EL CERRITO — On June 17 about 9:50 p.m. police responded to a silent burglary alarm at an auto parts store in the 9900 block of San Pablo Avenue. When they arrived a witness reported that a man had been seen leaving the store through a broken front window and apparently removing store property. A 36-year-old San Pablo man matching the suspect's description was detained in the west parking lot of the El Cerrito Plaza. The detainee was subsequently identified by several witnesses. He was arrested for burglary and taken to county jail in Martinez.

■ On May 25 just after midnight a 99 Honda CRV registered to a San Pablo woman was reported stolen from the old Mayfair parking lot on San Pablo Avenue near the Del Norte BART station. The vehicle was subsequently recovered by police.

■ On May 25 at 6:50 a.m. a 95 Honda Accord was reported stolen. The car, registered to a San Rafael man, had been parked in the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue. Police later recovered the vehicle — the car's ignition, driver's door and glove box had been damaged.

■ On May 24 at 10:41 in the morning an unknown suspect either kicked or used bodily force to force open the front door of a Carquinez Avenue residence. Police report that the owner of the

home, an 85-year-old bedridden woman, started yelling and her dog began barking and the intruder turned and fled the scene. The suspect was not seen by the woman and the estimate to repair the front door is \$400.

■ On May 24 about 1 a.m. a battery using "simple hands" occurred in a van at San Pablo and Central avenues. A 22-year-old Albany woman, a UC Berkeley student, said that her 21-year-old boyfriend, an El Cerrito resident, was driving her home from a party. During the post-party drive home the young couple got into an argument and the man reportedly hit the woman in the chest and pulled and grabbed her hair.

■ On May 24 a 20-year-old El Cerrito woman reported a case of suspected identity theft and credit fraud. A roommate reportedly made purchases using the woman's American Express credit card number and then opened a line of credit under the woman's name. The suspect is an 18-year-old man.

■ On May 24 at 9:40 a.m. at attempted forgery occurred at the Bank of America on San Pablo

Avenue. The would-be forger presented a check for cash to a bank teller. It was discovered by bank employees that the check had previously been reported lost or stolen and soon the suspect, a 42-year-old woman, fled the scene. How do the police know the suspect's age to such precision? The woman left in such a hurry and fluster that she left her car keys and identification in the bank.

■ On the morning of May 24 a burglary at a Potrero Avenue motel was reported. Apparently an unknown suspect or suspects entered the motel room of a 68-year-old Redding woman through a lower window. The thief or thieves stole the woman's purse as she slept.

■ On May 24 at 5 p.m. a check cashing business on San Pablo Avenue reported a crime of forgery. Earlier that day a woman had cashed counterfeit checks. The person on duty at the check cashing business did not discover that the checks were counterfeit until later and called police. The suspect is a 21-year-old Oakland woman.

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Fourth of July celebration — come one come all

Mark this on your calendars. Once again, the city, with the help of the Chamber, Hills Newspapers and untold volunteers are putting on the "funnest" Fourth of July ever.

The day starts with the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the fun proceeds from there for young and old. The breakfast by the way is simply sumptuous; maybe it's because somebody else cooks it, I don't know but everything tastes great. And you eat at long tables where you can meet someone you don't know or just say "hello" to your neighbors.

The schedule for the day's

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events is as follows:

- 7:30-11 a.m.: Lion's Pancake Breakfast
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Carnival Games
- 10-10:30 a.m.: Aikido Demonstration
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pet Show Registration
- 11-11:15 a.m.: Official Ceremony
- 11:15 a.m.: Family Games
- Noon Lunch
- 12:15 p.m.: Watermelon Contest
- 12:45 p.m.: Free Ice Cream Giveaway (Chamber of

Commerce booth)

- 1 p.m.: Baseball Game
- 2 p.m. Pet Show
- 3-3:30 p.m. Puppet Show

We'll see you there!

Albany YMCA summer day camps

The "Y" is offering 10 weeks of diverse and exciting programs in Berkeley and Albany for kids in kindergarten through the 10th grade, usually 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. This is the answer for working parents; plus it gives the kids a terrific summer.

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Scouts' helpers don't let age get in the way

■ Les Johnston, 87, and Carl Sponseller, 90, have full-time 'jobs' maintaining camp facilities for the boys

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — There are roughly 22,500 Boy Scouts in the Mt. Diablo-Silvarado Council, which encompasses five counties and runs six camps, including two in the high Sierra.

Unknown to most of those scouts, two elderly men hold up their world. Or at least the outdoor adventure part of it, a major thrust of scouting.

For nearly five decades, 87-year-old Les Johnston, and his compatriot Carl Sponseller, 90, have volunteered at the Scouts' warehouse and maintenance center at Camp Hermis, in El Cerrito near the East Bay Hills.

What began as an occasional weekend to help their boys — both men have two sons, former Scouts — evolved into pretty much full-time jobs after Johnston, a mechanical engineer, and Sponseller, a machinist, retired from their "real" careers.

Their backs ache; their grips aren't as firm as they'd like; their hearing, eyesight and lung capacity sure aren't what they used to be, but Johnston and Sponseller spend most weekdays — and some weekends — at the Scout center working magic.

Fix-it wizardry. Talented tinkering. That's their cup of tea.

"We're the infrastructure artists is what we are," said Johnston, a former Scout official who turns 88 in a couple of months. "Our pay is the satisfaction of getting things directed to the kids."

Sponseller, the more matter-of-fact and less philosophical of the team, grins.

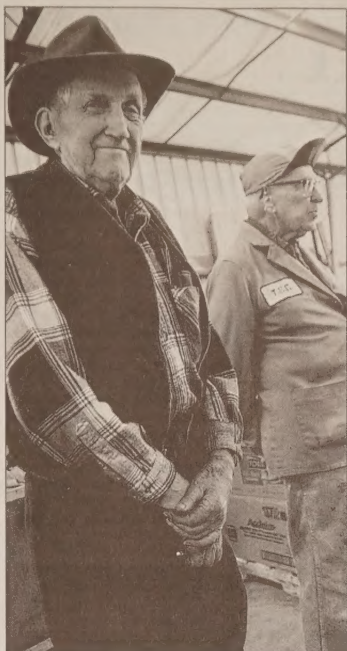
"Making things work that other people break — that's what we do. That's the truth."

They rebuild boat engines and generators; load trailers with canned sodas and pancake mix; patch water mains and replace truck mufflers. Until a couple of years ago, it wasn't uncommon for the team to zip up to the mountains a few times a summer to do emergency Scout camp repairs.

The maintenance center, hidden in an old rock quarry, is used to store, maintain and repair equipment used at the Mt. Diablo council's camps, including Hermis, a 20-acre lodge and cabin halfway that bustles with Scouting events on weekends and throughout the summer.

The Pleasant Hill-based Mt. Diablo council also operates camps in the Sierra, the Santa Cruz Mountains, and at Lake Berryessa.

Stacks of aluminum canoes sit



BOY SCOUT volunteers Les Johnston, 87, left, and Carl Sponseller, 90, (seen here at Camp Hermis in El Cerrito) have been lending their services to the Scouts since the 1950s.

EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

ready to roll on trailers parked outside the warehouse, alongside beat-up generators, old pickups, rolls of pipe and steel oil drums.

Inside, the walls are lined with the odds and ends of camp life: battered food trays and ice chests, enormous cooking pots, fire hoses, rowboats, and gallons of paint.

A tool-filled shop area serves as the men's nerve center.

Side by side in the volunteer fix-it business for so long, Johnston and Sponseller, who both live in El Cerrito, laugh heartily at each other's jokes — the same ones they've heard so many times before — and end each other's sentences.

They discuss electrical wiring with zest, chuckle with ease, are quick to grab a chair when they feel the other needs rest.

By coincidence, they both married women who became public school math teachers, moved to the Bay Area from the Midwest around the time of World War II, and had sons who became Scouts.

"There's a lot of people who work on a volunteer basis for the Scouts; we're just two of the most steady," said Johnston in the men's shared self-effacing style. Maybe too steady.

Ken Daniel, the council's director of support services, said the organization is in the awkward position of needing the men, but wanting to see them slow down.

"They're invaluable at this point; they're a critical part of our operation," Daniel said, adding the Scouts rely heavily on volunteers.

"But they're getting old. Being there by themselves all day, we want to make sure they're

taken care of. We're trying to find ways to not be so dependent on them all the time."

Johnston and Sponseller admit age is getting in the way of their preferred working style. They can't dig and hoist as fast as they once could. Trips to the mountain camps have become rare.

"I hate to admit it, but I've hardly got the strength to work a chain saw anymore," Johnston said. "Old age is catching up with us, that's all there is to it."

But don't look for major changes soon.

With the summer camping season revving up, Johnston is spending seven days a week at the center, readying and packing equipment. Sponseller is there almost as much.

"It's my intent to continue this as long as I'm physically able," Johnston said. "I've seen too much benefit for the kids."

He added: "A lot of adults benefit, too."

Non-profit promotes shared housing

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

When mom starts needing a little extra help cooking or cleaning around the house — and that back bedroom isn't really being used anyway — Karen Adamo may be the person to call.

Adamo is the shared housing counselor for Project Share, a non-profit organization that matches "home providers" with "home seekers" in Berkeley and Oakland. Project Share is administered by the Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) and is funded by grants from Berkeley and Oakland. Its small office is located in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Telegraph Avenue.

Although Adamo lists rooms for rent and helps all who call the office, the program's specialty is matching senior home owners with younger house mates who can help out around the home in exchange for free or reduced rent. "We're set up best for the exchange arrangement," she said.

Adamo said her usual client is a senior who has a spare bedroom and wants somebody to live with them. "They don't necessarily need the money, but they really need help," Adamo said. "We put a lot of time and energy into helping people, usually seniors, who are just reaching that point where they're not quite

able to live alone, but they don't want to leave their home." The matching service is provided free to the home provider and home seeker.

Both parties fill out fairly detailed questionnaire profiles about themselves. Housing seekers are asked things such as do they have a driver's license, do they smoke, drink alcohol or have a pet. If the seeker is looking to exchange work for rent, there is a checklist for services they are willing to provide including cooking, shopping, companionship, housework, yard work and personal care. They are asked to provide three references.

Project Share does not do background checks on the housing seekers nor does it check references. Adamo said she encourages the housing providers to check references. She does make home visits to the provider's home to assess the situation. Adamo often helps seniors fill out the forms and goes over with them what they should and should not expect from a house mate. "It really gives me a feel for what the home is like; what the senior person's personality is like and their expectations," Adamo said about the home visits.

"I advise them on what's fair to expect," she said about the agreement between provider and

Joan Blades of Berkeley was concerned about her 84-year-old mother being alone at night. About three months ago, using Project Share, Blades found a house mate for her mother who had been living alone in her Berkeley home. "We found a lovely woman. It was kind of amazingly easy to go through Project Share," she said, adding that she was very selective. "She just needs someone there at night," Blades said about her mother's situation.

The house mate lives rent-free in exchange for being there at night "just in case my mother needs help," Blades said.

"We found someone who is absolutely lovely and caring," Blades said. "She's a person who's becoming a friend."

Project Share makes an average of one-and-a-half to two matches a month, but sometimes more, Adamo said. She pointed out that her clients are "about 98 percent seekers and 2 percent providers," which, she said, reflects the East Bay's tight housing market. Adamo said it can be scary to open your home to a stranger. "We do everything we can to protect their privacy and help them have an opportunity to meet people and think about it and make a decision at a very careful and slow pace."

Project Share can be reached

IN BRIEF

Miller sets town meeting

Congressman George Miller will hold one of his periodic town meeting discussions Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. "It's a discussion on the energy crisis and what Congressman Miller and the feds are doing about it back in Washington, D.C.," said David Tucker, district director for Miller. "He'll talk about the budget and, of course, the new tax plan. We'll talk about health care and prescription drugs."

Tucker said meetings can become lively and usually draw a sizable crowd. "We usually get

about 50 to 75 folks who show up and share their concerns about what's going on — what they're hearing and what they're reading," he said. "It also gives

an opportunity for Congressman Miller to share what he's doing and what his perceptions are on matters of importance to the nation and to our district."



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Opinion

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Doing the job I was elected to do

By Larry Damon
MAYOR, CITY OF EL CERRITO

Opponents of the El Cerrito Mill & Lumber project recently called for my recusal on the matter. Realizing that there is no legal basis for this, they have manufactured one on "ethical" considerations. Response is required to continue confidence in the process.

The issue starts with my fundamental belief that elected officials have a duty to encourage investment in their community. Indeed, officials that discourage investment, frustrate enhanced land use, or otherwise act against continued improvement are, in my opinion, derelict in their duties. Consistent with these beliefs, last January I loaned a Richmond businessman \$50,000 to refurbish a closed store and open a new business on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito. While the 11 percent second mortgage offered as collateral did not meet the average returns I have been realizing on other investments, it was consistent with the risk involved.

No secret was made of this. In fact, believing that I was doing something that was in the best interest of our community, I even bragged about it a little. Contentions that this was discovered by rigorous research on the Internet are absolute hokey. Now the state does require elected officials to file a report of their property interests at the end of every year. At the end of 2000, I complied with this requirement. However, the state does not require interim updates. Since this transaction occurred in 2001, I did not file a revised report. I will file a report, as required, at the end of the year. But, what about on-going changes that fall between formal reporting periods?

On-going changes are addressed by a state law, which requires elected officials to report financial interests on any issue that comes before them. A conflicting interest is automatically presumed if an official owns property within 500 feet of a property under review. This is regularly applied. For example, it caused City Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and myself to be recused from

hearing concerns on the Canyon Trail Re-Forestation program. A conflict is also presumed if it can be shown that the decision being made will foreseeably result in increased income to the official making it. But I do not own the property in question and besides that it is located more than three times farther than the 500 feet specified. All I own is a piece of paper; a promissory note whose terms are not changed by anything having to do with the Mill & Lumber project. So, no conflict exists.

This caused Mill & Lumber project opponents to manufacture what they term "an ethical basis" for recusal. The specious and wholly self-serving nature of the logic employed should cause their argument to be rejected out of hand. Oddly, this has not happened. Rather, their argument has so offended common sense that a question of REAL ethics is presented in place of the one they manufactured. Apparently, recusal on such a flimsy basis would be nothing more than convenient evasion of a politically tough decision. I have been told that I was elected to make such decisions and to do otherwise would be "copping out." Either way, someone is going to question the ethics, manufactured or real.

What am I going to do? I am going to do the job I was elected to do. And, as offensive as the opponents of the Mill & Lumber project have been, I will set personal insult aside and do it in an unbiased manner. I believe absence of bias can best be demonstrated by the objectivity of the logic employed. I will publish this reasoning as soon as I have all the facts. In preparation, I have been researching the relevant requirements (e.g., CEQA, the General Plan, etc.). On the basis of present information, I believe our Planning Commission cogently expressed some very relevant concerns; concerns that now must be resolved by the City Council. Such resolution, however, depends upon the facts the developer presents in open session on June 25. Like my council colleagues, I will come to that session with an open mind, but not an empty head.

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In the light of this amazing community support and the need to make commitments very soon, please encourage those who haven't donated yet to contribute as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support and your clear concern for our schools.

Amy Tick
Chair, SchoolCARE
Albany

Time to approve a sound project

An Open Letter to the El Cerrito City Council,

El Cerrito has 62 affordable, subsidized apartments at Hazel Shirley Manor, and a few Section 8 federally aided units, in our city of some 23,000 people, one fifth of whom are elderly and/or disabled. Some are facing eviction or very difficult relocation because of ever increasing rent or decreasing federal aid.

Hazel Shirley Manor has a waiting list of over 100 applicants. Del Norte tenants face annual rent increases. Would it not be shameful to ignore the crisis facing tenants who cannot find affordable housing anywhere in the Bay Area? Is adding 24 units of affordable housing in the Mill and Lumber Project too much to ask for your approval?

As you know, the project already provides for live-work units, retail, and office space. There is no guarantee that more small businesses would risk locating in this project. The Economic Development Board, a citizens advisory body, supports the project, believing that it has an appropriate amount of commercial space.

The El Cerrito Citizens Alliance wants to add more commercial space to increase our tax base, but the project as proposed will generate as much or more in taxes. The alliance believes that housing is more costly to the city than commercial space, but the city will not be hiring additional staff as a result of this proposed project. We would not have to discuss the tax effect of this project if it were not for the effects of Proposition 13, which took millions of dollars from small cities like El

Cerrito and principally benefited big business, a result strongly supported by the citizens alliance.

The location and design of the Mill & Lumber Project have been approved by technically proficient city staff. Now it is the council's turn!

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito

Council actions are outrageous

Dear council members,

What is going on? Why are the city issues being resolved in the dark? Why is it that whenever I open The Journal I see another series of articles about impropriety in far too many areas of our city government? I received the news this morning regarding the cutting of trees in Canyon Trail Park. Where is the tree plan? Why wasn't the city given notice for approval and comment in a public and open forum? Why the hurry? Where is the emergency? The impact of this major renovation is enormous on many fronts:

- 1) the ecological impact on the park
- 2) The visual and AESTHETIC impact on the residents living adjacent to and visitors of the park
- 3) And the TRUST of the TAX PAYING, VOTING citizens of the City of El Cerrito. The trust has been violated. The council is answerable.

Why is democracy dead in this City? Has there been a coup for which the city has not been informed as well? Are all issues handled by the council responded to with a smashing of the gavel?

Why the rush to approve the EC lumber development plan, when The Journal gives light to possible financial impropriety? Why were the business people of the Plaza betrayed? Why the need to become an Emeryville clone? Emeryville was built on corruption. That is not a secret. In fact it is an open reality. Is this what is happening to our city? Were my wife and I blinded by the possibility of a nice life in El Cerrito when we invested our life savings to purchase our first home here? Is it time for a recall?

I am currently in rehearsal for a production of Shakespeare's Richard III for the Napa Valley Shakespeare Festival. Why do I feel like we're already in production?

I believe that the actions of the council are outrageous in these critical areas. You are entrusted with our hope and money. We demand better. What will be your response be at tonight's council meeting? Our Federal constitution guarantees our right to address grievances. And believe me we have more than a few! Your citizens eagerly await.

George McRae
El Cerrito

Bridge toll needs to be higher

The Bay Bridge toll should be \$5. Our present \$2 or the suggested \$3 is not enough. The only way we can avoid horrible

gridlock on our highway is \$5 bridge and \$5 gas.

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Mike Vukelich
El Sobrante

Make school board more representative

The West Contra Costa County school board consists of five members: Karen Fenton of Richmond, George Harris III of Richmond, Glen Price of El Cerrito, Patricia Player of El Cerrito, and Charles Ramsey of El Cerrito.

Board members are elected at large, meaning it does not matter where they live; they each represent the district as a whole. As a result, unfortunately, there is little community accountability and those considering running for the school board realize they may have little or no influence as a board member. Woody Snodgrass and Diane Easton were both Hercules residents, yet the construction of the Hercules Middle and High School remained in limbo during their term.

Maybe it is time to consider changing the way the school board members are elected.

School boards usually consist of either five or seven members. The West Contra Costa County School District consists of six high-school attendance areas: De Anza, El Cerrito, Hercules, Kennedy, Pinole Valley and Richmond.

Perhaps the largest high-school attendance area could elect two board members and each of the other attendance areas could elect one board member who lives within that area. The advantage of this method would provide more accountability to the public for what occurs within the school district and enable each board member to be more informed on issues affecting their high-school attendance area.

The process to re-arrange the trustee areas can be done without a vote of the community. Any member of the County Committee of the Contra Costa County Office of Education can present a request or initiate an action to re-arrange the trustee areas.

Pamela Mirabella represents El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo and El Sobrante and Cheryl LeMay represents Hercules and Pinole. They can be reached at 925-942-3380.

For as long as I can remember, the district has been telling us how well we are doing. Yet more than two thirds of our schools are among the lowest performing schools in California. Maybe it is time to change the system from the top down.

Thomas Lynden
Hercules

VIEWPOINT

Mill & Lumber proposal's mix of uses was unbalanced

By Jennifer E. Lowe
EL CERRITO PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Much has been written in these pages about the El Cerrito Planning Commission's recent decision to deny a use permit to JMS Development Partners for their Mill & Lumber site project proposal. While I can't speak for my colleagues on the commission, I can offer the following explanation of my own decision to not approve the project as proposed.

Currently, the four parcel, 4.2-acre site is zoned for Central Commercial, Heavy Commercial, & Light Industrial uses. The use permit we were asked to consider was to allow mixed-use (residential/ commercial/retail) development of the site, as part of the city's Incentives Program. All well and good — the city's General Plan

consistently asserts that such multi-use development is essential for the long-term health of our commercial center; indeed, the General Plan specifically targets the mid-town area for such development. And, as Steve Price indicated in Journal last week, the Design Review Board had already reviewed the project in terms of aesthetic/design criteria, and recommended approval.

So, what went wrong?

For me, it was all about the mix. When reviewing the plans before the hearing, I thought "Great project — nice to see flexible office space, good retail along San Pablo, but is that all? Why not spill all the way around the corner up to Kearney?" And then I ran some numbers. Out of 148,104

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Golf scramble benefit seeks sponsors

EL CERRITO — The City Community Services Department is hosting the fifth annual Dynamite Golf Scramble Fundraiser on Monday, Aug. 27, at the Mira Vista Country Club to benefit the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund and the "Open House" Senior Center Trust Fund.

The David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for recreational and childcare programs. The "Open House" Senior Center Trust Fund helps to maintain many of the activities and services that El Cerrito's senior programs have been noted for over the years.

The city is requesting \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$300 for additionally be placed on the tournament's T-shirt that are distributed as tee prizes.

For more information or if you are interested in sponsoring a hole or making a donation, call 510-215-4370.

Police

FROM PAGE A2

■ Sometime during the night of May 23 a thief stole the engine starter off a company truck at a Fairmount Avenue auto service business. The value of the starter was estimated at \$150.

■ On May 23 at 10:28 a.m. police received a report that a former Target store employee made threats to the store manager. The suspect, a 20-year-old Vallejo man, reportedly "brandished bare knuckles" at the manager.

■ On the night of May 22 somebody unlawfully entered an unlocked vehicle parked at a Liberty Street apartment building

and stole property therein.

■ On May 21 at 4:15 p.m. a strongarm robbery occurred on the Ohlone Greenway at Manila Avenue. A 12-year-old El Cerrito resident reported that suspects pushed him down and stole his skateboard before driving away in an automobile.

■ Neighboring residents at a Potrero Avenue apartment complex reported that sometime during the night of May 20 someone punctured a front tire on each of their vehicles. An unknown object was used to flatten the tires. The acts of vandalism were done for no apparent reason.

■ Just how big is the evidence room at the police department? On Sunday, May 20, at least nine

real estate "for sale" signs were confiscated as evidence for violation of the city's sign ordinance. The police reports state: "Once again company places signs on public sidewalks with prior knowledge of ordinance. Signs collected and placed into evidence." Signs from companies including Thornwall Properties, Marvin Gardens, Prudential Realty and Security Pacific were added to the police evidence collection.

■ Additionally, 15 reports of drivers being stopped and arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) are currently logged into the police record for the dates between May 19 and June 6.

Lowe

FROM PAGE A4

square feet of development, less than 5 percent was dedicated to retail, 15 percent of the square footage was designated commercial, the remaining 80-plus percent, residential.

These numbers surprised me; they didn't reflect the balance of mixed use that one would expect in a city as hungry for commercial tax revenue as is ours.

But numbers don't tell the whole story, and I came to the hearing hoping that the developer would fill in the gaps. Again I was surprised.

Rather than extolling the mixed-use aspect of his project, John Baer, as JMS's spokesman, expressed a marked reluctance about even the minimal level of multi-use proposed.

He described the 23,000 square feet of office space as a "significant concession," and requested that such space be held open for commercial lease-

ing not for the proposed six months, but rather half be opened to residential leasing after three months, the rest after four months.

He stated that commercial development in the area is risky since this is a secondary office market, that retail would "not work" along Schmidt Lane, even went so far as to hold up a large poster board festooned with headlines concerning the dot-com downturn as evidence that too much new retail/commercial development was destined to fail.

I understand that market realities affect development decisions, but I also understand that in order to revitalize midtown along the lines proposed in the General Plan, a developer has to be willing to take a certain risk.

The Mill & Lumber site is by far the largest parcel up for de-

velopment in midtown, and whatever project that is put in place there will determine the character of the area for decades to come.

In his presentation, Mr. Baer expressed such a negligible commitment to the multi-use aspect of his project, and such an apparent unwillingness to negotiate the mix of use, that I found I could not support his proposal.

Happily, it now appears that in its appeal to the City Council, JMS has amended its proposal to extend the commercial/retail corridor up Schmidt to Kearney, to maintain a 180-day window for commercial leasing of live-work units, to reduce overall number of units — in short, to improve the balance of the multi-use mix to something which is, in my mind, more in keeping with the General Plan.

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'West Coast Live' — discover one of San Francisco's best kept secrets in Berkeley

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1. The cable cars (including a stop at the Cable Car Barn to see the huge wheel that actually turns the cables). 2. Alcatraz (where your tour guide is likely to be either a former prisoner or a former guard, who will give you the inside dope on all of the Rock's most famous tenants, including Al Capone). 3. "West Coast Live."

The first two you undoubtedly know about. But "West Coast Live" is an anomaly: a nationally-known radio show (it's carried on more than 100 radio stations throughout the country every Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon, West Coast time) that's still unfamiliar to many in its own home town.

Which brings up the question:



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

What is its home town, anyway? The show that bills itself as "San Francisco's Live Radio Window To The World" is actually produced in Berkeley.

Its production office is in an old office building in downtown Berkeley. Its founder/producer/host, Sedge Thomson, lives in Berkeley's Elmwood district. And more often, the show, which used to be broadcast exclusively from San Francisco, is now broadcast from the Freight & Salvage coffee house in west Berkeley.

"But the change of address doesn't change a thing," says Thomson. "Even the line that we use to open every show — 'Live from the city known for its hills, its restaurants and its arbitrary parking laws!' — is just as valid in Berkeley as it was in San Francisco."

"West Coast Live" is often described as a Bay Area version of "Prairie Home Companion," and that's true in that they're both variety shows. But otherwise, they're as different as their respective hosts, whose personalities they reflect.

On "Prairie Home Companion," host Garrison Keillor's musical tastes are pretty much confined to Country & Western and Gospel; while on "West Coast Live," Thomson's tastes are a lot more eclectic. (One recent show featured a classical string quartet, a gamelan orchestra and

Dick Dale, King of the Surf Guitar.)

Keillor also goes in for a lot of shtick, like the Powdermilk Biscuit and Bertha's Kitty Boutique ads, while Thomson prefers good talk with authors like Annie Lamott and Jonathan Miller. And he can always be counted on to ask a question that will take the conversation in a totally unexpected direction.

One time, when he discovered that author P.D. James is actually a British aristocrat whose official title is Baroness of Holland Park, he asked her, "How's the food in the House of Lords' restaurant?"

"The drinks are great, but the food is something else," she replied. "The menu has really hideous stuff like jam roly-pollies." I asked the waiter if these dishes go back to the members' public school days, and he replied, "No, much further back than that — to their nannies!"

Tomorrow's guests will be Beat poet Diane DiPrima, Berkeley author Laura Glen Louis, singer/songwriter Jesse de Natale and comedy team Karl & Carl. And next week's show will feature an annual "West Coast Live" highlight — members of the audience reading the Declaration of Independence, one line at a time. (You ain't heard nothin' until you've heard an 8-year-old rattling words like "consanguinity" trippingly off the tongue.)

The show will be broadcast live from the Freight & Salvage, and that's an interesting story in itself. Thanks to modern technology, the signal will be streamed directly to radio station WFMT in Chicago, which will uplink it to a satellite, where it'll be downlinked to KALW in San Francisco (91.7 FM), which will broadcast it to you.

Put another way, the distance from the Freight & Salvage to your radio set is 50,000 miles — 25,000 straight up and 25,000 straight down again.)

Do yourself a favor and tune in. And if you really want to have fun, attend the show in person. Try and get there a few minutes early, so you can sign up to operate one of the digital aquaphones at the beginning of the show.

As I said, it's a great place to take out-of-town guests. (And I'm not the only one who feels that way. Last year, Focus magazine named it "Best Place To Take An Out-Of-Town Visitor To.") But why wait for someone to visit you? If you haven't already, ride on the Cable Cars, take a tour of Alcatraz, and — above all — attend a live broadcast of "West Coast Live."

Phone Martin at 510-273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com.

Food, fun lots of music on tap at EC July 4 Fair

EL CERRITO — The Fourth of July Community Fair, now in its 10th year under the leadership of the Rotary Club of El Cerrito, continues to rise in popularity even as

it raises funds for projects benefiting the city.

A full day of live entertainment, food, games, dancing, arts and crafts, exhibits by community groups and more starts at 10 a.m. and goes till 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Fair entrance and parking are

free and free T-shirts will be given out to early arrivals.

Proceeds from the fair benefit community projects and youth enrichment programs conducted by the Rotary Club of El Cerrito.

The lineup of performers: Harmonies Steel Band 10:30 a.m. Deja Blues — 11:35 a.m. Young Musicians Program Jazz Ensemble — 12:30 p.m. Desert Heat belly dancing troupe — 1:35 p.m.

New Life Praise Team — 2:20 p.m. Outgrabe — 3 p.m.

Details: 215-4370.

World music festival

For the third straight year the holiday fun will include "worldOneday," a daylong (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.) World Music Festival across the street from the Community Center at Cerrito Vista Park, Mooser Lane and Pomona Avenue.

Trees

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"like releasing bugs; then you have to spray; then the bugs get in the water. It's getting more complicated now then simply to pick up an ax and chop things down."

Loubal and other residents have raised questions and voiced concerns about the Canyon Trail Park tree removal plan. The planned removal, part of the city's urban forestry program, originally called for 47 Monterey pines to be removed from the upper region of the park. The pines were to be replaced with native tree species such as California live oak and California buckeye. King said that some type of fast-growing deciduous tree will probably be planted to replace the pines near the tennis courts to be removed this fall.

In late February the Park and Recreation Commission approved the plan, but on April 2 the City Council (with two council members recused) scaled it back and called for development of a comprehensive plan for all the trees in the park. Several residents spoke in favor of the tree removal plan; others spoke against it, urging a phased approach.

The council said that diseased trees and trees in danger of falling or causing damage should be immediately removed. Others would possibly be removed over the next few years. "We need a detailed

phasing plan with time-lines," Councilman Mark Friedman said at the April meeting.

"We identified four that had substantial lean to them and they were in proximity to the trail that goes down through the park," King said this week when asked about the "highest hazard" trees. "They could have a propensity for falling over; those should come out right away."

He said that another four trees, while not as high a hazard as the first four, are slated for immediate removal because of their location near the creek. "Because of their location and proximity to the creek, it would probably be advantageous to remove those trees now as opposed to trying to get down into the creek in the fall and winter months," King said. "If we have early rains, it would be hard to have access in there trying to cross a raging creek and do tree work. Plus that is not the best time to be tromping through a creek as far as the water-quality standpoint."

King said the fresh stumps will be ground down to prevent beetle infestation and if access for grinding is not possible, the stumps will be treated with insecticide. The city's consulting arborist, Noah Booker of Shelterbelt Builders Inc., is working on the comprehensive tree plan requested by the City Council and King said it should be ready to be presented to the council in the fall.

Creek

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used to help prioritize restoration goals, prioritize and plan restoration in the watershed of Contra Costa County," Yin said. She and Fateman said that oftentimes county maps do not show where the actual creeks are located. "By walking the creeks with GPS units which will log positions, the global position, we can actually identify where the creeks are," Fateman pointed out.

July 12 has tentatively been set as the FOBC training day to learn about the GPS units and July 14 has tentatively been set as the group's mapping day.

"I think there's a lot of curiosity about where exactly the creek goes," said Apple Szostak, coordinator for FOBC. "It's a small creek so much of it is in private hands. There's a lot of excitement about seeing it in its larger context, not just the small pieces that

we can see in a public park." Szostak said she is hoping that FOBC volunteers will be able to map two segments of the creek — the Mira Vista branch and the Canyon Trail branch. Call Szostak at the Aquatic Outreach Institute at 510-231-5778 for details.

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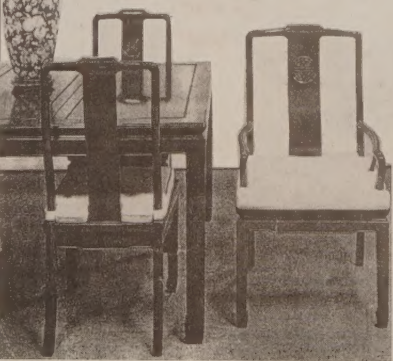
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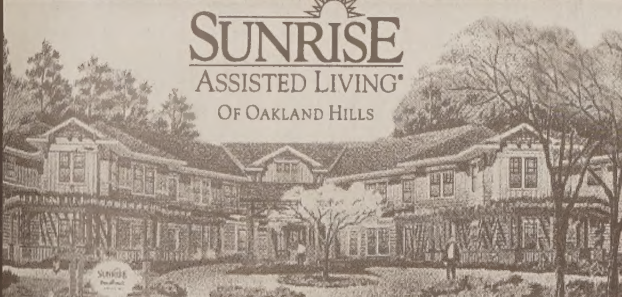
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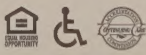
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Author offers advice on recovering from natural disasters

By Lisa Coffey Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

Ilana Singer's research for her new book, "Emotional Recovery After Natural Disasters," began nearly 10 years ago, when she started writing "The Therapist Column."

Published in a newspaper for the Oakland-Berkeley firestorm community, Singer's column addressed a variety of issues centered around helping firestorm victims recover from the disaster.

"I interviewed many victims and firefighters, and each column addressed a particular issue," said Singer, who is a clinical ethnologist and a professor of C-Otherapy. C-Otherapy practitioners teach the patient a mental health skill rather than analyzing negative experiences from the patient's past.

When the Phoenix Journal ceased publication, Singer, 57, traveled around the country interviewing victims of other natural disasters.

Singer has also debriefed police officers, firefighters and other emergency workers and has treated personnel of large and small businesses who have suffered emotional trauma ranging from bank robberies to suicides to vehicular accidents.

"I put all of these interviews together and put together a book that tells people how to take care of themselves," said Singer. "In short, the lesson I learned was this — that given proper direction, people can do very well at taking care of themselves. This book sets out to give that kind of direction — what to do, and why you do it."

Singer says disaster survivors need more than simple advice from a grief counselor. "They need a mental mechanism to cope with their emotional trauma," she said. "Coping and moving beyond the emotional trauma works best when you use the right 'tactics' — tactics that are found in this book."

According to Singer, these tactics tell people what to do to build the strategies they need. "They offer a solution, not a philosophy. These tactics differ from traditional counseling in three profound ways. First, they help put you in charge of you. Second, you become the expert on your needs. Third, you devise your own solutions."

In the book's first chapter, "Dazed and Disoriented," Singer lays out six tactics which she says will help victims of emotional shock build the mechanism they need to cope with their emotional trauma. The tactics are:

■ People who go through emotional shock need more than a bed for sleeping. Calm, uncluttered surroundings convey order and safety, which victims need to mentally rest.

■ Return to basic routines as quickly as possible. This means regular mealtimes and bedtimes. In the first weeks, you should limit, if possible, unnecessary changes such as shuttling from one hotel to another.

■ Friends and helpers can give practical help with clean-up, food, telephone calls and replacing victim's toiletries with familiar brands and scents.

■ The anxiety triggered by emotional shock interferes with the victim's ability to retain information. Let a helper take notes at meetings with FEMA officials, insurance adjusters and bank officials.

■ Familiar faces of friends, neighbors, store clerks and librarians stabilize and reassure victims.

■ Steer away from replays of the fire, earthquake or any other disturbing event as they can reawaken impressions of the all-too-recent catastrophe and rekindle emotional distress.

"In short, let yourself mentally rest and adjust, which is a very different approach than the approach that says you have to re-live the trauma — you have to keep talking about the trauma. Re-living trauma only prolongs the mental turmoil," said Singer.

Oakland Hills resident Joanne Ablan, who lost her Cochrane Avenue home in the 1991 firestorm, said the tactics sound on target — particularly the one about adhering to basic routines. "I remember my mom telling me to eat breakfast and not skip meals," she said.

"A lot of people will look at you as if you're so rigid," Ablan said of continuing with routines. "But if the routines support good physical health, mental health and spirituality, then they're something to hang on to."

Ablan said that friends definitely helped her weather the

rocky times after the fire. She still belongs to a support group mostly comprised of women who lost their homes in the fire. "A number of us continue to meet," she said. "We no longer discuss rebuilding issues, but it has familiarity, routine and a connectiveness to it."

Ablan added that friends don't necessarily have to give practical assistance to be of help. "It's important just being there in silence for somebody — just being a presence."

Accessing a calm place through imagery is a tactic that Ablan said has worked for her, and one that she continues to find helpful in stressful situations. He put this tactic into play just last weekend, when she was attending her son's baseball game at the Willard Middle School campus in Berkeley and an alarm went off in the school building.

"I was the one sitting there thinking, 'The chemistry lab is going to blow up, and we are going to have to duck and run for cover.' I began looking for escape routes," she said, noting that the emotions experienced during the fire "come back very fast."

Ablan says that prayer helps her reach that calm place. "For me, there's nothing else that sustains a calmness when everything else is chaotic," she said. "I'm grateful for that tactic."

Another of Singer's chapter, entitled "Ambient Anxiety — the Ripple Effect of Trauma," discusses how those who are merely associated with natural disasters can be traumatized as well. "One need not actually lose a house or be in the actual disaster zone to become profoundly affected by it," she said.

Singer interviewed a postal clerk, who worked in a post office near the fire zone, who suffered from ambient anxiety. "We're like family at our small station 'cause we shared stories about kids, birthdays and vacations. One customer even sent me a postcard from Nepal. Then the disaster changed everything. The homes, the trees and friendly faces were gone," said the postal clerk.

The postal worker told Singer he felt terrible about his customers' plight and often thought about them during his 50-mile commute to work.

"One day I was lost in thought



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ILANA SINGER is the author of "From Ruin to Rebuilding: A Guide to Emotional Survival After a Natural Disaster," a book about emotional recovery after natural disasters, citing the 1991 Oakland firestorm.

and made a bad mistake," he said. "I drove up a freeway exit. Don't ask me how, but I did."

While Singer notes that no one can avoid reacting to his or her surroundings, they can take steps to deal with ambient anxiety. She said that often it is best to periodically remove oneself from the collective trauma of their community. "Plan a day trip, read a book, enjoy a hobby."

Other tips for those dealing with ambient anxiety include:

■ Ask what your common sense is trying to tell you. Don't just do what everyone else is doing.

■ Always concentrate and maintain a careful manner in public.

■ If you can't stay alert, stay away from crowds.

■ Because your "thought-voices" (thoughts that pop into one's mind in an automatic, unsolicited fashion) are the source of your agitation and unease, learn to detect and neutralize them.

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BY CANDACE CARSON

CORRESPONDENT

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Smith moved to Oakland where he built Arbor Villa (all that's left are the palm trees that grace 9th Avenue above Park Boulevard). He also developed Oakland's myriad

streetcar lines into the Key System. In the 1890s, he and his partner, Frank Havens, formed the Realty Syndicate and acquired acreage in the Oakland hills for residential development.

The Smith Reserve — named for "Borax" Smith — was the choicest part of the Realty Syndicate's holdings. It was held off the market for 25 years. Once proclaimed as the most desirable residential district in the East Bay, today its scenic beauty has no equal.

The home at 3030 Holyrood Drive is located in a large, secluded park-like setting on one of the Smith Reserve tracts sold in the 1930s. It

Don't miss this unique hideaway; it will be open this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

is from a time when home was a place to celebrate and enjoy nature.

The owners bought topsoil in and hired Japanese landscapers to design the garden. They chose specimen plants and laid stone pathways.

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Mortgage rates ease slightly

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McLean, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.14 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending June 15. This bellwether rate is down from last week's average of 7.20 percent.

At the end of the second week of June a year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.22 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.70 percent, with an average cost of 1 point, down from last week's average of 6.74 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.91 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.82 percent this week, with an average 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 5.85 percent. This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 7.21 percent.

"Mortgage rates continue to hover just over 7 percent, where they have been for most of 2001, while the economy remains sluggish," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist.

"The recent release of the Producer Price Index, an early inflation indicator, was weaker than expected. This leads the financial markets to see more room for the Fed to act at its next meeting, thus keeping fears of inflation and mortgage rates low."

Unique

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After they developed the garden the owners added a large heated swimming pool (25' x 50') for the enjoyment of the children during the warm summers.

Once they set the stage, the owners built two houses — one on the highest knoll in the garden, the other beside the pool.

Some houses don't interact well with their location, while others in-

The main house has two levels. Over-sized glass sliding doors open onto a wrap-around deck, breaking down the walls between the indoors and out. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace and a view overlooking a truly remarkable, private landscape give this home a romantic quality seldom found. The living room/dining room, kitchen and half bath can be found downstairs.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, a small office and a bath. One can enjoy panoramic views of Oakland,

Despite high upkeep, pools are lots of fun

We don't write often about swimming pools because as far as return on investment is concerned, a pool is at the bottom of the list. For example, after five years a \$200,000 home might sell for \$230,000 to \$250,000.

With the addition of a \$35,000 swimming pool that house (again five years later) might sell for \$3,000 to \$5,000 dollars more, or \$233,000 to \$255,000. Not a good return on investment — in fact, a big loss.

On the other hand, if you can afford the depreciation, a pool can provide years of fun and relaxation. But a pool is a lot of work and requires daily maintenance and upkeep. And it will increase your utility bill.

We both have had in-ground pools. One was constructed with gunite (a troweled-in-place cement material) and the other a liner type. And although we both are familiar with the molded fiberglass kind, neither one of us has owned one. We can remember listening to the pool salesmen.

"Gunite is the best, the most durable and far less expensive than fiberglass," he said only gunite pools. And the other salesman said, "A liner pool is the least expensive and easiest to maintain." He sold liner pools exclusively. Truth is they're all good. And we suggest that you get the type that fits your particular needs and budget.

Changing thoughts

The consumer's philosophy about pools has changed quite a bit since we bought ours. Folks are beginning to build their pools onto their property as an extension of their home's interior. Actually, the basic shape of the pool has become extremely important.

They aren't just rectangles anymore. We can remember the days when the kidney-shaped pool was an extraordinary achievement. Now, the more unusual the shape, the better. For the contemporary home there are two intersecting squares; for the Mediterranean, arches and sunken pillars.

Pools also are shallower now. Diving has been replaced with floating, exercising and just plain swimming. Today's pools are more usable by more age groups at both ends.

The deep end is no more. Diving laterally has replaced diving downward. And now the younger set can wade from one end to the other. Shallower pools make both ends accessible to games, increasing the activity area and making for full use out of the pool.

One thing you want to do when you purchase a pool is upgrade filtering and cleaning equipment. There are two basic types of pool cleaning: surface cleaning and sub-surface cleaning.

Little skimmers

Filter ports at the water's surface known as skimmers draw floating debris into the pool's filter system and make light work of leaf removal.

The other type, subsurface cleaning, is handled in two ways: First, a subsurface vacuum system on wheels constantly traverses the bottom of the pool for 3 to 4 hours a day, vacuuming up debris that sinks to the pool's floor.

Another subsurface problem is dirt. Dirt in the air always seems to end up at the bottom

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On the House

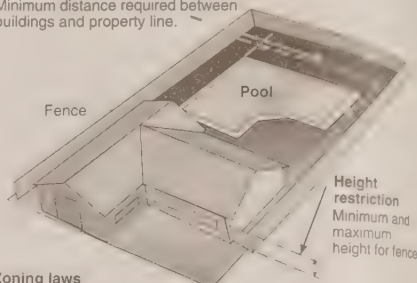
of the pool — and it must be vacuumed as well. Here, a pump jet agitates the water (thus mixing in the dirt particles), allowing the filter system to capture the dirty water and

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Swimming pools

Increasingly, people are incorporating pools into the design of their homes

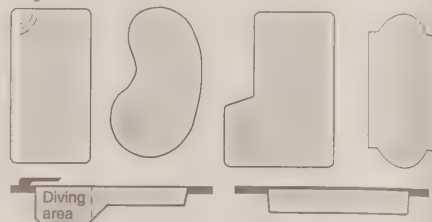
Setback
Minimum distance required between buildings and property line.



Zoning laws

They can determine where you can place your pool and how close to the property lines you can build. Zoning laws have provisions for granting variances. If you can show that meeting the precise requirements of the laws would create an "undue hardship," and that you would not be encroaching on the privacy of your neighbors, a board of appeals can grant you a variance.

The most common pool is constructed from concrete, which can be custom-built to your specifications. The initial installation costs less than fiberglass pools and consumers have the advantage of unlimited design.



The trend is moving away from deep swimming pools with diving boards, to shallower pools used for family games or as a backyard retreat.

Vital statistics: 3030 Holyrood Drive, Oakland

Size: Main house: approximately 1,350 square feet,
Guest house: approximately 650 square feet,
Lot: almost three-quarters of an acre

Open: This Sunday, June 24, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Price: \$1,000,000

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tegrate seamlessly. The difference is in the planning. The houses were planned to work as a living environment.

Walk up the stone pathway to the entry gates; continue through a portion of the garden edged with orchids and azaleas, ferns and hydrangeas to another gate. Through the camellia branches you first glimpse the main house. The contemporary architecture mixes well with the Japanese-inspired gardens.

A brick terrace surrounds the swimming pool, which is framed by hedges and spectacular rhododendron trees. A lovely stonewall runs the length of the pool and provides a visual base for the house. The guesthouse is opposite the entry, adjacent to an arbor, draped with clematis that provides shade for poolside barbecues.

San Francisco and spectacular sunsets over San Francisco Bay from both levels.

The guest house features a living room, kitchen-dinette, bedroom, bath and a wine cellar that can accommodate approximately 1,000 bottles.

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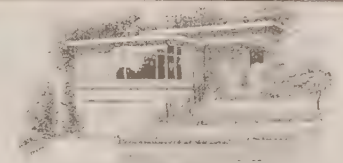


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Removing that pesky PMI

■ PMI has no tax benefits and pretty hefty premiums.

One of the most difficult things you will ever negotiate with your lender is removing the primary mortgage insurance (PMI) when your mortgage falls below an 80 percent loan to value. This junk fee is usually required by the lender when your down payment is less than 20 percent.

PMI has no tax benefits and pretty hefty premiums.

It insures the lender against default from the borrower. There are times when PMI is a good thing, especially when it allows a borrower to come in with a very low down payment and still enjoy low Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac interest rates.

But the extra monthly premium may negate the savings of that low interest rate. There are many ways to avoid PMI in the first place, however, if you get stuck with a lender who required it, you will want to get rid of it as soon as possible.

The first step is to contact your lender and ask them what their policy and procedures entail. Every lender does things a little bit differently and it may not even be the original lender that you will be dealing with.

Your mortgage may have been sold to another lender, but you may want to check your original loan documents and check out if they spell out the requirements to eliminate PMI.

Even though your loan may be sold, the loan and all the

details stay intact. Your lender will most likely require an appraisal, usually from their own in-house appraisal department or from one of their approved appraisers.

Be certain that you clarify this issue. With appraisals averaging \$350 at a pop, you don't want to order more than one. It's not unusual for lenders to consider a borrower's payment history when deciding whether to allow PMI to be removed from the loan.

Even though most lenders offer a 15-day grace period before charging late payments, your payment is still technically late if it is not received by the due date.

If your payment is consistently posted in the grace period, your lender may consider that there is still a large enough risk to warrant the PMI. A couple of years back, the Feds created a bill that mandates the elimination of PMI after sufficient payments reduced the loan to value to below 80 percent.

But, as anyone who has had a 30-year amortized loan knows, the borrower pays very little principal with their monthly payment in the first five years of

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KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

What has eight legs and hangs out in the tub?

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Do you have a lot of spiders at your house? Boy, do I have spiders at mine!

Is there at least one spider in your bathtub almost every day? How about over the tub, hanging from a thread? I've got them.

Cobwebs, do you have cobwebs? Trailing ones, gossamer ones, kind of furry cobwebs? I do.

When you walk in your garden, do you suddenly jerk back because there is a cobweb line across your face? On the windows, especially in the corners, are there webs? Under your eaves and where corners of the house meet - how about there?

They're also in the geraniums and flat against the boxwood in my garden, like a fine shawl.

What do you do about the spiders? Leave them, sweep them, watch them?

Sometimes I vacuum them up, webs and the spiders. I feel bad though.

Sometimes when I find a spider in the bathtub or valorously struggling to gain a footing in the bathroom sink, I rescue him, lay a strip of toilet paper as a lifeline, then leave the room while he escapes.

My first husband revered spiders. If I called that I'd found one, he'd come right away and scoop it gently up in his hands, cup the spider, and walk him outside. I could never do that.

It isn't that I'm afraid of them. I think it's that I don't want them to walk on my skin.

I think most spiders are quite wonderful. My favorites, for looks, color and charm, are those tiny, very

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tiny, red ones, the spiders the size of a grain of sand. One darts across my book when I read in the garden, and I watch him, wonder if his path is as aimless as it appears. Actually, I'm not sure the red ones are spiders. I can't see well enough to do a leg count.

Are there spiders you like? Which? Roundish black spiders, the ones with short legs, I don't like much. But the long-legged whitish ones that hang upside down are slow-moving and probably friendly. There is, in the garden, an occasional gorgeous yellow spider to admire.

Better than tarantulas, one of which I saw at a young boy's house; he kept it as a pet, very hairy, not pretty.

The boy assured me the spider was harmless; he asked if I'd like to hold him in my hand. I declined, as I didn't want to know what his fir felt like; also, I didn't want to look at it.

When my own son was a little boy, he found spiders especially fascinating. I'd call him to come see new ones. He wanted, of course, to pick them up. He was only two or so then, and I didn't know if he could be hurt, so I called U.C.

Berkeley and asked to talk to a spider person.

The man I was routed to said that it was probably a good idea to tell my son not to pick up spiders.

Spiders are small and fragile, he said, and while very seldom harmful, it's better to watch, but not to touch them.

There are open ceilings in some rooms in my house, always with cobwebs, although I seldom see spiders on them, probably due to spider size.

The strings run from beam to beam, from ceiling to light fixture. Mostly, I don't look up at the fuzz. But sometimes, I do look up, and then I get the broom and spend a bunch of time sweeping them down.

I rub the wooly gray fuzz into a ball now stuck to the broom bristles and discard it, then stretch the broom up over my head again to collect more.

I usually do this on the spur of the moment when I don't want to take the time to get out the vacuum cleaner or to drape a cloth over the end of the broom, both of which work better to attract the webs



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I suppose that the spiders (and there seem to be huge numbers in my house) begin again, probably immediately, to make new bridges to their next spot. It will take another month or so before I will disturb any of them.

Once I witnessed the most extraordinary spider event. On my front porch a mother spider laid her eggs in a sack.

I just happened to walk onto the porch as the eggs burst into a golden yellow shower of teeny, newborn spiders, seemingly thousands of them.

I rushed to get my teenage son. I wanted him to see such a beautiful and new event.

We stood on the porch together. I don't remember what he said, maybe nothing. I do remember that I said, "Wow" quite a few times. Also, other things moms say: "Isn't that cool? That's fantastic!"

Have you seen baby spiders born, lifted by the air, flying?

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Campaign helps Oaklanders safely buy, keep homes

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Mayor Jerry Brown, Freddie Mac launch anti-predatory lending campaign

U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA), Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, Freddie Mac and local organizations announced that they are organizing the award-winning "Don't Borrow Trouble" anti-predatory lending campaign to help more families learn about and protect themselves from predatory lending practices.

"Safe and prudent homeownership is critical to building personal wealth and community prosperity," said Congresswoman Lee. "Families use the equity from increased home value to send children to college, renovate homes, and as seed money to start a small business. We must put a stop to predatory lending because it steals this equity from people and our communities."

"Predatory lending is a reprehensible practice," said Mayor Jerry Brown. "This educational campaign will equip Oaklanders to make better financial decisions."

"Few things are more important to people and the health of our neighborhoods than homeownership," said Oakland City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente. "Through this campaign and other proactive measures, the City of Oakland will fight predatory lenders to protect the financial health of our citizens."

"Don't Borrow Trouble" combines advertising, consumer education, and an area-wide referral network to help families avoid unscrupulous lenders who charge exorbitant loan rates, hidden fees, onerous prepayment penalties and unnecessarily complicated contracts.

Organizations supporting the campaign include the City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency in association with Freddie Mac; Oakland City Attorney's Office; Association of Community Organizations for Reform (ACORN); ACORN Housing Corporation; Consumer Credit Counseling Services of the East Bay; Home Buyer Assistance Center; National Association of Real Estate Brokers - Investment Division/Housing Counseling Agency; National Assistance Corporation of America (NACA); and the United Council.

"Today's announcement marks a significant new level of self-protection for Oakland families who own homes or aspire to homeownership," said Craig Nickerson, Freddie Mac's vice president of community development lending. This campaign gets results. It is working in Las Vegas, Atlanta, Boston and other cities across the nation. And thanks to Congresswoman Lee and Mayor Brown, we now have the opportunity to make it work for Oakland and the East Bay.

The Oakland program is designed to reduce and ultimately eradicate predatory lending practices by educating borrowers about

predatory lending and providing people with resources and coordinated access to consumer information and homebuyer assistance programs.

The campaign will also promote the importance of good personal financial management and provide practical advice for avoiding credit and debt problems.

"Predatory lending has and continues to be a major problem in Oakland," says Fannie Brown, ACORN National board member.

"This initiative is a good start to help address the problem. I am glad to see these organizations working together on this issue."

The campaign uses advertising, websites, and public service announcements to alert borrowers to predatory lending practices and encourage them to call a toll free telephone number for referrals to local government and non-profit agencies. Pioneered in Boston and expanded nationally by Freddie Mac, the campaign was honored with an

award for excellence by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The campaign is the latest Freddie Mac effort to expand homeownership in Oakland. During the past five years, Freddie Mac has invested more than \$12 billion in residential mortgages, making affordable homeownership and rental opportunities possible for more than 82,300 families.

Making "Don't Borrow Trouble" available to cities across the country is the latest in a series of actions by Freddie Mac to help protect borrowers from predatory-lending practices. These include a ban on the purchase of mortgages with single-premium credit insurance policies; requiring subprime lenders to accurately and fully report borrower credit files to credit repositories.

This allows borrowers to benefit from improvements in their payment history. This program will also support the introduction of innovative loan products for borrowers with credit issues.

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the loan, unless they make additional principal payments.

Many of our clients choose to refinance to another lender after unsuccessfully approaching their lender, especially if the lender requires a minimum of 12 months PMI payments before they will consider removing this risk surcharge.

If the borrower's credit report reflects no mortgage late and/or dependent appraiser indicates the value is there, it may make sense to refinance into a new loan. It may be the right time to take advantage of today's high appreciated property values and low interest rates.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511, fax 510-339-3814 or e-mail ksenzig@aol.com.

Pools

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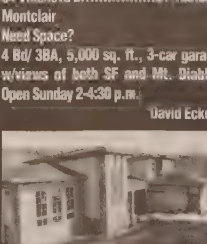
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3835 Yorkshire St - \$235,500
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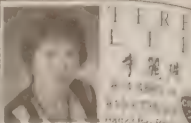
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pus w/level out yard. Francis Heath x357

PIEDMONT \$1,695,000
42 HIGHLAND AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Gra-
cious traditional w/good sized yard. 4+BR/
3+BA, den, breakfast room, family room,
large rumpus & au pair. Lee Jacobson x309

MONTCLAIR \$1,399,000
6291 RUTHLAND RD. (Open 2-5)
Smashing 3900 ± sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA cus-
tom w/S.F. & Golden Gate views. Ex-
ceptional quality! Teri Carlisle x305

MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
6415 THORNDALE DR. (Open 2-4:30) Un-
beatable 4-bridge (S.E. view) Walls of
glass. Knock-out kitchen & master suite.
Incredible amenities. 3+BR/3+BA, large
open floor plan. Adriana Giacomelli x350

MONTCLAIR \$995,000
6 PERSHING DR. (Open 2-5) Level, level,
level! Built for entertaining on approx. 1/3
acre site in premier neighborhood. Spacious
rooms, large kitchen/family, formal dining
room, pool. Helen Danhaki 547-5750



CLAREMONT HILLS \$925,000
6915 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-4:30) Meticu-
lous attention to details. Architectural
Digest quality kitchen, luxurious master w/
sitting areas & central courtyard. 4BR/2.5BA.
David Ichikawa x331

MONTCLAIR \$875,000
6018 PINEWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30) 1997
Mediterranean surrounded by lovely land-
scaping. Formal dining, large kitchen, break-
fast area & family room that open to patio.
5BR/3BA. Roselle Woods x324

MONTCLAIR \$825,000
18 WALDECK CT. (Open 2-4:30) New List-
ing! Spectacular contemporary on quiet cul-
de-sac w/unusual style & grace! 3+BR/
3BA, kitchen & family room, bonus room &
peaceful sunny decks. Dick Cohen x308

PIEDMONT \$819,000
130 SCENIC AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Central
Piedmont Mediterranean w/expansive
bay view. Family room, hardwood floors,
updated & impeccable condition. 3BR/
1+BA. Joanna Hirsch x366

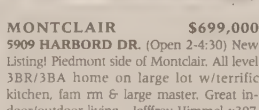
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Piedmont Prairie style design w/Crafts-
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Leslie Gordon x327

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5909 HARBORD DR. (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! Piedmont side of Montclair. All level
3BR/3BA home on large lot w/terrific
kitchen, fam rm & large master. Great in-
door/outdoor living. Jeffrey Himmel x307



MONTCLAIR \$690,000
1831 MANZANITA DR. (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! Unsurpassed views of bridges,
cities, mountains & Bay. 4+BR/3.5BA hill-
top home w/den, rumpus, decks & patio.
Over 3800 sq. ft. Kathleen Callahan x343

SHEFFIELD VILLAGE \$675,000
11740 CRANFORD WAY (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! Panoramic bay views. Spacious
4+BR/3BA. Eat-in kitchen, family room,
landscaped yard. Great for shared living. On
private drive. Ann Nichols x319

CLAREMONT CANYON \$675,000
7727 CLAREMONT AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! Almost new 4BR/3+BA close
to Claremont Hotel. Hardwood floors, den,
formal dining, eat-in kitchen & private
back patio. Patricia Scott Winslow x315

BERKELEY \$599,000
1968 MARIN AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Lovingly
maintained craftsman w/formal dining
w/adjoining studio, large sunny kitchen
w/nook and level rear yard. 3BR/2BA.
Carolyn Jones x339

Open Sunday

MONTCLAIR \$559,000
5979 WESTOVER DR. (Open 2-5) Dra-
matic contemporary w/bay & canyon
views, soaring ceilings and lots of glass.
4BR/2.5BA. Vicki Woodhead x334

CRESTMONT \$535,000
70 CRESTMONT DR. (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! Panoramic S.E. bay views from this
4+BR/3BA home; two large family rooms,
level yard. Anne Feste x371

SAN LEANDRO \$479,000
832 BEGIER AVE. (Open 1-4:00) New
Listing! Lovely 3BR/2BA tri-level home in
coveted Estudillo Estates. Immaculate
condition, remodeled kitchen & new baths,
private garden. Candy Benny x328

GLENVIEW \$469,000
1550 HAMPEL ST. (Open 2-4:30) Spaci-
ous English style home w/beautiful
1926 details. 4BR/2BA, parlor, formal dining
room, breakfast room & large bonus room
over garage. Donna Costella x355



BERKELEY \$449,000
3004 DANA ST. (Open 2-4:30) Wonderful
1924 traditional in premium location near
shops and restaurants. 2+BR/2BA, formal
dining, charming den/sunroom and master
suite. Donna Costella x355

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$439,000
3390 GUIDO ST. (Open 2-4:30) Extensi-
vely remodeled 2BR/2BA Mediterra-
nean w/wooded park views. New kitchen,
baths & more. Diane Earl McCan x352

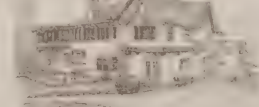
LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$399,000
70 MAIDEN LANE (Open 2-4:30) New
Listing! All level 3BR/2BA w/family room &
large master suite. Dining area, hardwood
floors, 5-car parking. Kathy Flynn x317

Open Sunday

LAUREL \$299,000
3827 KANSAS ST. (Open 2-4:30) Charm-
ing renovated cottage. 2BR/1BA, updated
kitchen, bath, New deck, roof, elect. Bonus
room off garage. Tom Anthony x336

MAXWELL PARK \$269,000
5127 FLEMING ST. (Open 2-5) Charm-
ing 2+BR/1BA bungalow w/updated
kitchen, sunroom, formal dining & "plus
rooms." Cheryl Hargett x375

By Appointment



PIEDMONT \$3,650,000
Historic estate, with panoramic Bay
views. 5+BR/4+BA, 4 fireplaces,
approx. 27,000 square foot lot. Helen
Danhaki 547-5750

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,600,000
Magnificent European villa w/piano S.E. Bay
& G. G. Bridge views. 5+BR/5+BA, approx.
5500 sq. ft., 3 fireplaces, media rm, den, au-
pair, kitchen/family rm. Patricia Scott x315

PIEDMONT \$2,595,000
Classic Colonial on over 1/3 acre.
5+BR/3+BA. Stunning kitchen/fam-
ily room. Renovated throughout.
Beautiful! Georgia Cornell x325

PIEDMONT \$2,290,000
SF/Bay views from this remodeled cen-
tral Piedmont traditional. Expansive for-
mal rooms, 5+BR/3+BA, large kitchen &
adjoining family room opens to a level
yard. Georgia Cornell x325

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MONTCLAIR \$769,000
Tranquil S. Bay/Lake Merritt views
Builder's own home. Sunn. 4BR+5BA
approx. 3375 sq. ft., hardwood floors
Robyn Mohr x310 & Wendy Gardner x301

MONTCLAIR \$639,000
Piedmont side of Montclair. Almost all
level home w/abundant outdoor space
and bay & hill views. 3+BR/2BA, fam-
ily room, rumpus room/den au-
pair with patio. Donna Costella x343

ELMWOOD \$630,000
Freshly redone, 4BR/2.5BA Craftsman on
a quiet street in a beautiful Berkeley
neighborhood. Easy walk to shops &
close to College Ave. Debi Fitzgerald



KENSINGTON \$629,000
One level sunny traditional. Tranquil set-
ting. Golden Gate view. XLG lot. Updated
kitchen. Refinished hwd. Cul-de-sac
3+BR/1+BA. Nancy Noman x373

PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$579,000
Panoramic Parklands view from this
remodeled 3+BR/2BA. Fabulous!
Vicki Woodhead x334

ROCKRIDGE TRIPLEX \$595,000
Two large flats in front and one bedroom
unit in rear. Francis Heath x357

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$549,000
Charming 3+BR/2BA home w/ S.E. Bay &
G. views, great room & large family room to
deck and garden. Rich Gould x347

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$499,000
4BR/3BA w/remodeled kitchen & baths,
family room & beautiful yard. Redwood
Heights School Dist. Diane Earl McCan x352

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$459,000
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& South Bay views. 3+BR/2BA, family
room, office, level yard & patio. San-
di Klemmer x314 & Dick Cohen x308

MONTCLAIR \$399,000
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portation. 3BR/1BA w/hardwood floors,
brick fireplace, skylight and fresh paint in
and out. Nancy Moore x302

SAN LEANDRO \$309,000
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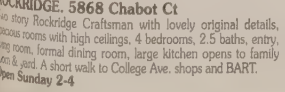
ROCKRIDGE. 5264 Shafter Ave. \$429,000
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BERKELEY. 2410 Browning St. \$379,000
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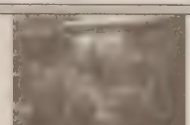
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Wonderful, large traditional in great condition! 5BR, 2.5BA, office, original woodwork and built-ins. Walk to BART & College shops! Bebe McRae x145 \$685,000



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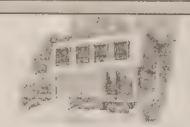
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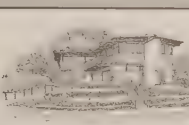


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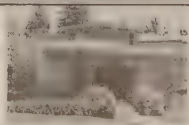
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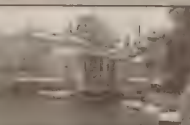


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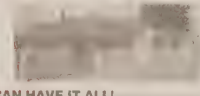
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BOM-Buyer lost job. Easy freeway access from this quaint starter home with a great yard. Has lots of potential. 1635 E. 33rd
Maria Sinclair 510-339-8400

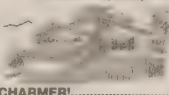
Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm



LUXURY LIVING IN MONTCLAIR HILLS.....\$1,188,000
Spacious, elegant, comfortable, contemporary home w/bay views. Dream of a lifetime. 8050 Broadway Terrace
Joe Ashton 510-339-4000

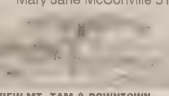
CONTEMPORARY & GORGEOUS.....\$775,000
3 year old home. 4 BR w/loft, 3 plus baths. Terraced back yard. Lot adjacent to it is included. Measure approx. 45x125. 8400 Longcroft
Noni Robinson 510-339-8400

CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR.....\$695,000
Original architectural details. 3 BR, 2 baths. Formal dining room. Remodeled kit w/corridor counters. Breakfast area. LR w/bay window, tile FP, beam ceilings & built-in. 2 car garage interior access. 921 Sunnyhills Rd.
Charlene Claybaugh 510-339-8400



OAKMORE CHARMER!.....\$695,000
Lovingly maintained. Sunny & spacious rooms. 180 degree view of SF, bridges & bay. Updated kitchen. Many quality details. Close to village, schools, transportation. 1784 Leimert Blvd.
Martha Shin 510-339-8400

A HORSE? OF COURSE!.....\$675,000
Life the way you always dreamed it would be! One Acre of sprawling grounds including creek, duck pond, barn, and riding rink. Minutes to Lake Chabot for boating and fishing, walk to Lake Chabot Golf Course, or just enjoy the serenity of your paradise! 11344 Golf Links Rd.
Mary Jane McConville 510-339-8400



HADDON HILL-VIEW MT. TAM & DOWNTOWN.....\$595,000
1920's Prairie-Style Classic. Exquisitely restored to its original splendor. Gourmet kit, granite counters, cherry cabinets, FDR, LR w/FP & built-ins. 4 BR, 2 Baths and Rumpus Room! Open Sunday 1-5 pm.
801 McKinley
Charlene Claybaugh 510-339-8400

CLASSIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$549,000
Spacious & airy 4+ bedroom home with soaring beamed ceilings, wall of glass for S. Bay and canyon view, decks, hot tub. Needs updating great value. 2066 Asilomar
David Karr 510-339-8400

Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

PRICE REDUCTION!.....\$333,000
Spacious contemporary. Good use of space. 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 car gar. 2+ carports, utility rm. Office room, rumpus room - front courtyard & level backyard 3335 Burdeck
Noni Robinson 510-339-8400

CHARMING MONTCLAIR DUPLEX.....\$495,000
1BR-1BA. Fireplace, decks - 2 units. Must see. 1st Open. 6200-6202 Merriewood
Laurie Strand 510-339-8400



BUNGALOW PERFECTION!.....\$467,000
This delightful Glenview home boasts pride of ownership! Offering charm w/amazing architectural details throughout! & a spacious floorplan. You will find hwd floors, natural wood trim, lvg rm w/FP. Kitchen/family rm combo & a fenced backyard w/fruit trees & vegetable garden. 3837 Glen Park
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

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DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY IN MONTCLAIR.....\$749,000
Serene & private setting. App. 2900 sq. ft. Sunken LR w/beamed ceiling, FDR, spacious Family Rm adjacent to kitchen. Many built-ins, interior access to 2-car garage. Close to schools, village, and transportation. 7125 Woodrow
Martha Shin 510-339-8400



BAKE WITH YOUR OWN FRUIT!.....\$675,000
...From the mature fruit trees in your orchard in the charming kitchen with tile counters and dining area. Relax next to the creek, or take a stroll to Lake Chabot Golf Course. Revel in the openness and let life's stresses float away in this three bedroom plus one bedroom au-pair ranch hacienda on one full acre of land. 11310 Golf Links Rd.
Mary Jane McConville 510-339-8400

PLENTY OF TLC.....\$665,000
Is reflected in this gorgeous 4 BDRM 2.5 BA custom home with panoramic views. Spacious, light filled rooms, beautiful master suite and many unique features make this a must see. 3362 Brunell Dr.
Jody Edmonson 510-339-4000

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NEW! MONTCLAIR RETREAT.....\$525,000
Unique combination of 3 bdrge view plus yard! 2 large decks for viewing incredible sunsets. Master suite with luxurious bath. P.V. Cuck-de-sac, close to village. D.S. line. Each bedroom has its own bath. 25 Cabrillo Place
Charlene Claybaugh 510-339-8400

NEWER THAN NEW.....\$395,000
One of the best located homes in Montclair Hill Country. 3 BDRM, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage. 3880 Gardena Place
A.D. Nassiri 510-339-4000

CLOSE TO EVERYTHING DUPLEX.....\$359,000
Cute bungalow. Upper unit. 2+ BR, 1 bath, lower unit. 2 BR, 1 bath, garage. Long deep lot for gardening. Can be gorgeous w/stone TLC. 1173 Mac Arthur Blvd.
Patricia Bennett 510-339-8400

JUST LISTED! HUGE YARD; SPACIOUS HOME!.....\$299,000
Watch the deer nibble and the hawks soar from your master bedroom deck! Huge level lot with enough space for football. Contemporary home with updated kitchen, hardwood floors, new tile & carpeting. Hot tub on private deck and priced right! 357 N. Wildwood
Jody Edmonson 510-339-4000

READY & WAITING.....\$289,500
You can stop looking, after you see this charming 3 BDRM, 2.5 BA, family townhouse. High ceilings, new tile & carpeting. Hot tub on private deck and priced right! 357 N. Wildwood
Jody Edmonson 510-339-4000

NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART.....\$199,000
Prime Rockledge location. Major floor with enormous potential. Needs everything. Three bedrooms, two baths. Close to BART & transportation. 5350 Broadway
Mary Jane McConville 510-339-8400

Lots & Land

MONTCLAIR LOT!.....\$99,500
Build the custom home of your dreams on the upslope lot. 0 Woodrow Drive
Mark Attarha 510-339-8400

Coming Soon

COMING SOON!.....\$695,000
Dramatic 4 Bd, 3 bath home in the Oakland Hills. Bright & spacious, this home offers breathtaking views from almost every room. The large living room w/stone fireplace & formal dining room opens to a large deck while the gourmet kitchen would please any chef. On the lower level is the large master retreat w/ fireplace and full bath.
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

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Piedmont - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

125 Hillside Avenue.....\$2,245,000
Entertain by the pool this summer at this gorgeous, 3-story, grand, traditional home. Elegant master suite, spacious rumpus & au-pair quarters. Anian Tunney & D.J. Grubb

431 Pacific Avenue.....\$1,025,000
Piedmont opportunity. This home boasts fabulous views, spacious rooms, a great floor plan with lovely hardwood floors, 4BR/3BA and a rumpus room. Elizabeth Dickson

1650 Grand View Drive.....\$1,325,000
Dramatic new home w/sweeping Bay view & fabulous floor plan. Exquisite master retreat, spacious family room + library & media room. 4+BR/4.5BA. Steve Michaelides



50 Lane Court.....\$995,000
Level access to a charming home on a beautiful property with a panoramic, 2 bridge view. Exceptional brick-enclosed patio. Gorgeous gardens. 3BR/2BA. Jean Simmons

6963 Buckingham.....New Listing \$930,000
New outstanding Mediterranean. Dramatic foyer and staircase enhance the formal rooms. 4BR/3.5BA, soaring ceilings, quality gourmet kitchen/family room. Jill Carrigan

5826 La Salle Avenue.....\$799,000
Country charm, updated throughout w/the comfort & feel of English elegance. Private sunny courtyard, hot tub, fireplace & sitting area in master.
Debra J. Dryden

1342 Trestle Glen Road.....New Listing \$799,000
Spacious Tudor on a large level lot in Crocker Highlands. 4BR/2BA, library, office, updated kitchen & 2-car garage. Gorgeous parklike setting.
Judith Cain



Piedmont Craftsman.....\$689,000
Charming, central Piedmont, traditional home w/original detailing in spacious entry, living & dining rooms. Updated eat-in kitchen, 3BR/2BA + bonus room.
Mindy Scott

Berkeley Sophistication.....\$1,050,000
This sophisticated, light-filled home, built in the early 1990's, offers a discriminating buyer 4BR/3BA lush gardens and SF & Bay views.
Karen Starr

44 La Salle Avenue.....\$889,000
Stylish traditional. Updated kitchen opens level-out to spacious rear garden. 3BR/2BA including spacious master suite, "plus" room & wine cellar.
Karen Starr

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

299 Euclid Avenue.....New Listing \$649,000
Original 1925 elegance in a classic, grand Oakland home. Located on a corner knoll w/gumwood details throughout, built-ins & extra rooms. 4BR/1.5BA. Bettina Balestrieri



6212 Hillegass Avenue.....New Price \$589,000
An absolutely adorable Rockridge bungalow w/stained glass windows near a charming fireplace in the living room, a formal dining room & 3BR.
Mavis Delacroix

1693 Trestle Glen Road.....New Price \$539,000
This charming Crocker Highlands traditional is located on a beautiful tree-lined street. 3BR/2BA plus family room and hardwood floors throughout.
Lori Lombardo

309 4th Street.....New Listing \$455,000
Contemporary loft with top of the line designer upgrades. 1BR/1BA - office. 18 ft. ceilings, in home theater, custom patio/garden & 2 skylights.
Ed Kuo

1748 Mountain Blvd.....New Listing \$425,000
Lovely 1940's sun-filled home close to Montclair village. Gorgeous hardwoods, Grandma's spacious front porch. Garage. 2BR/1BA.
Carin Caroe



Glamorous Mediterranean.....\$1,695,000
Elegant Mediterranean w/fabulous architectural details. Gourmet "chef's" kitchen opens to private garden. SF views. Close to schools.
Anian Pettit Tunney

Crocker Highlands English.....\$849,000
Sunny English country home with exquisite period detailing, 4BR, home office, private garden/patio and double garage.
Nancy Lehrkind

29 La Salle Avenue.....New Listing \$849,000
Classic Piedmont ranch style home features 4BR/3BA. The updated kitchen/family room opens to spacious patio & garden.
Michelle Winchester

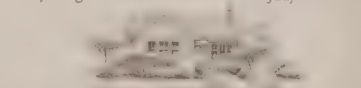
11 Cambridge Way.....New Price \$559,000
Enjoy the spacious, light filled public rooms and wonderful hill views! Beautiful level out garden. Legal rental/in-law unit downstairs.
Angela Wei Grubb

247 4th Street # 406.....New Price \$375,000
Smashing top floor live/work loft in Jack London Square w/parking space. In Cuckoos Nest building. Near BART, shops & water front.
Ed Kuo



4351 Stelle Street.....New Listing \$329,000
2BR/1BA with hill & wooded views. Living room w/fireplace & hardwood floors & formal dining. Garden and single car garage.
Kurt Buchholz

3061 Madeline Street.....New Listing \$329,000
Totally redesigned inside & out. Gourmet kitchen. Wonderful light-filled open floor plan. Move right in. Everything is done.
Judy Rankanlan



555 Albemarle Street.....New Listing \$279,000
El CERRITO. This charming 2BR/1BA bungalow, located just 6 blocks from BART, features hardwood floors, fireplace and a spacious garden.
Donna DeBenedictis



Mediterranean Elegance.....\$1,495,000
Fabulous Mediterranean home w/spectacular entry, stained glass windows, 4 large BR (master BR has a fireplace), family room off kitchen, level to garden. Anian Pettit Tunney

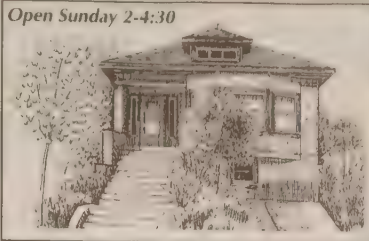
Berkeley Traditional.....\$799,000
Wonderful traditional home w/formal rooms. Garden w/hot tub. Updated kitchen w/hardwood floors. Close to shops & restaurants. 3BR/2BA.
Kurt Buchholz

Piedmont - By Appointment

Oakland & Berkeley - By Appointment

CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW 74 Hamilton Place

Open Sunday 2-4:30



\$369,000

Located between the desirable Piedmont Avenue area and Lake Merritt. This Craftsman Bungalow constructed in 1906 exhibits extensive wood trim and wainscoting, built-ins with leaded glass doors, remodeled kitchen with custom cabinets, high quality appliances and original wedgewood stove in good condition. Great yard with deck and mature landscaping. Easy access to 580 and BART.

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Upper Rockridge **\$1,850,000**
Restored Arts and Crafts Mansion w/6BR/4+BA, 3-Bridge view, over 6500 sq. ft. and garden
Gene Boomer 510-339-9290

August Co. Creation **\$1,735,000**
New Mediterranean 5BR/3BA home w/gourmet kitchen, gorgeous hwd, flrs and stunning views.
Heidi Marchesotti 510-339-9290

Spectacular Montclair Beauty **\$1,495,000**
Magnificent 1996 custom built home. Spectacular views of Bay. 4+BR/5BA w/ over 4000 sq. ft. Breathtaking Living Rm.
Anna Lei 510-273-9127
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Upper Rockridge **\$1,286,000**
Stunning, custom-built 4BR, 2.5BA home. Excellent craftsmanship. Many special amenities.
Henriette Lanier-Green 510-834-2010

Montclair Jewel **\$1,250,000**
Gorgeous, Remodeled 3BR/3BA home w/3470 sq. ft., Landscaped and fabulous views.
George Millirons 510-339-9290

Elegant Tudor w/View **\$1,145,000**
One of a kind 5+BR/3.5BA custom home created by master builder Bill Florence.
Kathy Florence 510-339-9290

Price Reduced! **\$768,200**
Secluded 3+BR/3+BA home has views and 3000 spacious sq. ft.
Debra Larson 510-339-9290

Charm in Piedmont **\$599,000**
3BR/2BA, Lg. sunny yard, living rm, DR, French doors, garage w/ office, fireplace & many upgrades.
Angelica Forte-Lewis 510-845-0211

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 **\$539,000**
Adorable 3BR/1+BA English tudor, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, breakfast room. 1600 Trestle Glen Rd.
Dolores Thom 510-834-2010
510-763-1710



★ Crocker Highlands
Open Sunday 1-5 **\$495,000**
Adorable 3BR/1+BA English tudor, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, breakfast room. 1600 Trestle Glen Rd.
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Dutch Colonial **\$494,000**
642 El Dorado. A breathtaking 4+BD Oak-Piedmont area home. Virtual tour: www.pruweb.com
Terrence Jue 510-524-2526

Oakland/Piedmont

★ Open Sunday! 2-4:30 **\$490,000**
4058 Waterhouse. Spacious, Remodeled 3BR/2BA home has hardwood floors, plus rooms, and large yard.
Felicia Owens 510-339-9290

Darling Craftsman! **\$294,000**
Located near the end of Piedmont Ave. Original details, large fenced yd. Notty pine family room.
Lisa Friedman 510-986-9547



Wonderful and Private! **\$299,000**
Wonderful 3BR/1BA home tucked away for privacy on a big lot! New paint and carpet. Huge playgrounds.
Rosalie Marshall 510-428-0900

Maxwell Park Beauty! **\$275,000**
2BR/1BA Bungalow with charm! Refinished hwd, frpl, kitchen with nook, garage, lovely yd.
Camille Rogers 510-845-0200

Convenient Location! **\$210,000**
Near Piedmont Ave. Shops! EZ commute! Sought-after Bldg! 1BR 1BA condo w/ private patio!
Carol Jakabson 510-273-9322
510-849-3711

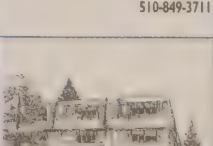
Garden Condo Available! **\$185,000**
Oak 551 Jean St. #104, Sun 2-4. Upgraded 1BD 1BA condo. New carpet, pgo, tile/BA Fxl. More!
Brenda Walker 510-524-2526

First Time Buyer's! **\$179,000**
Adam's Pt., 1BR/1BA top floor condo, large open space, fireplace, very bright, close to shops.
Stephanie Jones 510-845-0200

Sweet Updated Condo **\$175,000**
1BR/1BA on quiet st. Pergo + tile floors, custom colors, sylvan view. 1 yr. home warranty.
Debra Alber 510-845-0211

Berkeley/Albany

Beauty With Bay Views! **\$525,000**
3BR, 2BA Lovely home in wooded setting. Close to park, UC, flexible flr plan. Come see it's great!
Wendy Louie 510-273-9306
510-849-3711



★ Sunday 2-4:30 **\$295,000**
2634 Virginia #13. Huge sun-filled 1BR near UC. Potential 2BR. Secure parking, fresh paint. Bay & mountain views!
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510-849-3711

Walk to UC & Shops **\$250,000**
Spacious 1BR condo. No Berkeley Hills. Hardwood floors, Balcony, peaceful garden views, parking.
Wendy Louie 510-851-9888
510-849-3711

Berkeley/Albany



Lovely Bungalow **\$249,000**
2BR, many original details, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted, fireplace, private yard
Pascal Forest 510-845-0200

West County

Fabulous Custom View Home **\$699,000**
This stunning contemporary home has been featured in Sunset magazine. The rooms offer open beam ceilings and sun drenched space. The Master suite has a fireplace & tons of closet space. The exquisite wood detail is throughout, plus complex wine cellar.
Carol Heath-Kim 510-527-9800

Panoramic Bay Views **\$514,888**
Contemporary 3+BR/2BA large woodsy backyard, deck to entertain, freshly painted & carpeted, remodeled kitchen w/Euro style cabinetry, walk to Fat Apple's
Claudia Brown 510-527-9800



Lovely Spacious Home & Garden **\$279,000**
Over 1500 sq ft of living space & 6000 sq ft lot, beautiful gardens and patios with privacy. 2 bed/2 bath & office and a "great room" with fireplace. Very sunny rooms with quiet garden views. Great condition, new roof & paint job. Open Sunday 2-4.
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\$247,000
Richmond 3BR/2BA, Large back yard w/hot tub, gazebo, living room/dining room combo, Cozy family room, more!
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Sales

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By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST PRICE: \$290,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$527,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$415,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$395,571

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$440,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$269,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$741,500
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$600,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$533,500

CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$311,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$465,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$323,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,750

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$202,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$728,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$260,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$396,667

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$695,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 53
 LOWEST PRICE: \$79,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,185,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$199,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$275,509

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 32

LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$254,156

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 21
 LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$320,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$362,190

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$320,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$315,000

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\$225,000 1317 Center St. Large Victorian Home! Contractors special! 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, family room, formal dining room, finished basement+room. Great location, needs lot of work. Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706

\$289,000 830 Center St. 1ST OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4. High basement 3+ bedroom, 1.5 bath Victorian with lots of original detail! Kitchen updated in the 70's, beautiful staircase, original marble mantel in formal dining room, and pocket doors. Brick foundation. Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706

\$299,000 1317 Center St. (Charming) Victorian Home! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors and new interior paint. Basement could be bonus room. Attached garage. George Muhr (510) 814-4891

\$335,000 7308 Altura Pl. Open Sat 2-4. This home has so much potential! The setting is gorgeous! One plus bedrooms, 1 bath with all appliances included, and a alarm system many lovely trees. MUST SEE. Terry Lee (510) 814-4840

\$675,000 6560 Estates Dr. Hill views, large backyard is fenced. Main level has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, lower level has bedroom and full bath plus family room with bar. Two car detached garage with loads of storage. Russ Grant (510) 814-4713

\$990,000 614 Webster St. Chinatown, conveniently located upscale building perfect for two floors with bath floor has a 2 car garage. Terry Lee (510) 814-4840

\$599,000. REDUCED! Reduced! 6700 Liggett Dr. Montclair District. This all with views of hills and formal dining room. Call Terry Lee (510) 814-4840

\$285,000 973 Alice Ave. Charming 2 plus bedroom room hardwood floors a garage & a lot of storage. Call Terry Lee (510) 814-4840

\$359,000 2224 West 135th Ave San Leandro Land lover delight! If you want and in the city this is it! Ranch style home with trees & vegetable garden. McWilliam (510) 814-4825

\$669,000 141 Castle Court OPEN Sun 2-4 Desirable Burton Valley updated home 4 bedrooms 2 baths, gourmet floors. Walk to school. Russ Grant (510) 814-4713

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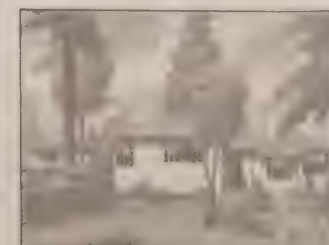
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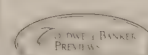
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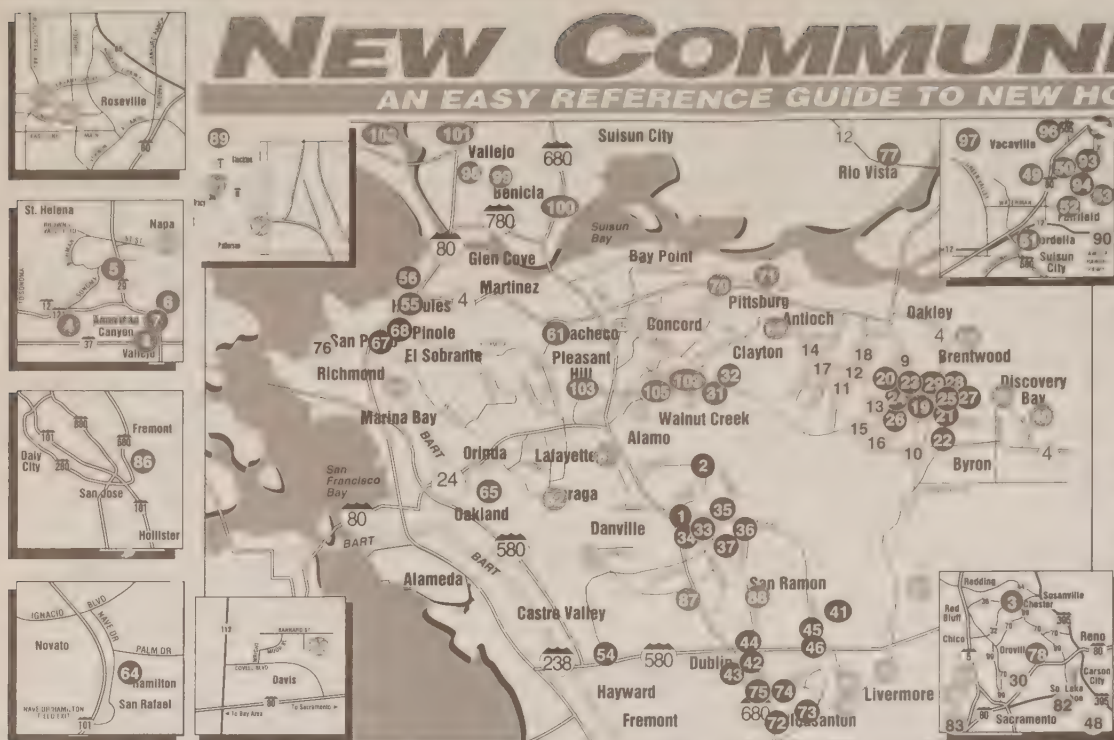
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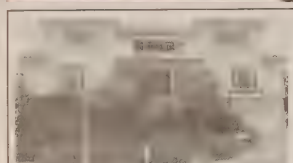
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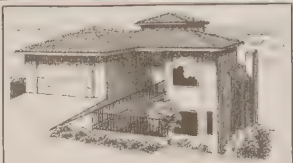


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Phillips comes 'a linkin'

The new Alameda Point Links Course has taken one more step toward completion.

Architect Kyle Phillips appeared before the Alameda golf commission on Wednesday for approval of the routing plan, and the commission voted unanimously in favor.

On June 13 the routing of the new course was approved by the golf course design committee, which forwarded the plan to the golf commission. Phillips took the ideas the design committee gave him and prepared a more detailed map of the new course for the commission.

The routing remains basically the same. The first hole goes out to the bay. The next four holes loop underneath the driving range, which is directly east of the hotel/clubhouse.

The final four holes of the front nine loop inside the final holes of the back nine, on the bay side of the hotel. Holes 10 and 11 go east from the clubhouse on the estuary side of the range. Holes 12 through 17 go up the estuary and around the point, all on the water. The 18th returns to the clubhouse.

Phillips, who once took second place to Payne Stewart in the Missouri State Junior Championship, explained that it is important for the first hole to make a statement.

"The first hole goes out to the water to say, 'This is where we're going, this is what this course is all about,'" Phillips said. "It sets the tone."

He explained that he put the final four holes of the front nine inside the back nine to accommodate galleries in tournament play. As the tournament climaxes, these holes would be vacant, giving the gallery more room.

Phillips envisions a par 3 directly on the point where the estuary meets the bay, perhaps with a "postage stamp," or very small, green.

The discussion with the commission was light and easy, Phillips entering into casual conversation many times on his own background, what a links course is, and why a flat piece of land — such as Alameda Point — is an architect's dream.

Phillips brought pictures of the Kingsbarns links course he recently competed, six miles from St. Andrews. Originally, much of the land was flat. He placed soil and sand over the land to create the subtleties of a links course.

"Other architects have looked at the finished golf course and said, 'Wow, I wish I had a site like this,'" Phillips said. "But the land was actually flat, just like Alameda Point."

He explained that after some two million cubic yards of soil is trucked to the Alameda site, the shapers (bulldozers) go to work. He implied the commission to allow him some authority when these shapers do their job.

"I don't mind if I have one hand tied," he said. "But it is extremely important that those doing the bulldozing have knowledge of a links golf course — not the American version, but a true links course."

Part of the charm of a links course (which links the land with the sea) is the unique nature of the greens. Phillips explained that a links green has sand going down at least six feet. A USA green is quite different — it is built on gravel and dirt.

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Alexander: simply the best in preps

Two-sport scholar-athlete named CCTimes Athlete of Year

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Lorenzo Alexander developed his quickness as an 8-year-old, playing pickup football at a park in East Oakland against boys five and six years older than he was.

"Everybody was so much bigger, faster. I had to play to their level," the St. Mary's High School senior said.

For the last four years, high school football players have been trying to run away from Alexander, mostly without success. The 6-foot-3, 280-pounder was a Parade Magazine All-American this past season. He was a finalist for

the Watkins Award, given to the nation's top African-American high school football player. He was also No. 2 in the Contra Costa

Times' Cream of the Crop. He accepted a football scholarship from Cal after turning down offers from Miami, Georgia Tech and the rest of the Pac-10.

Alexander considered basketball his best sport when he entered St. Mary's as a freshman, partly because he wasn't allowed to play Pop Warner football with his peers because he was too big. After starting on the varsity basketball team his freshman and sophomore years, he took off his junior year to concentrate on

Prep sports

St. Mary's football and basketball star Lorenzo Alexander was named the Contra Costa Times Male Athlete of the Year.

football.

Alexander returned to the court this year and was a pivotal member of a team that won the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV State Championship. The Panthers were the only team from Northern California to capture a state title.

In acknowledgment of Alexander's outstanding performances, he has been named the Times' Male Athlete of the Year.

"He has a passion. The good ones are separated by their passion," said St. Mary's football coach Dan Shaughnessy, adding that Alexander was the best player he coached in his 36-year career. "I've never seen him have a bad day of practice. He always comes to play."

What jumps out right away is Alexander's quickness. Last season it wasn't uncommon to see Alexander run down a ballcar-

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ST. MARY'S FOOTBALL STAR Lorenzo Alexander put a lick on Healdsburg's John Lickey during a non-league game in 1999. Alexander, who also played basketball for the Panthers, was named the Contra Costa Times' Male Athlete of the Year for 2001.

Cuba-bound Rattlers strike

Berkeley's Stipovich collects three hits, three RBI

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Before their long-awaited trip to an island nation, the Oakland Rattlers 16-and-under baseball team had some unfinished business to take care of on an island city Tuesday evening.

The Rattlers, who will depart for a week-long trip to Cuba on Saturday, took care of that business by trouncing the hapless Alameda Mariners 8-1 at College of Alameda. Oakland improved to 12-3 and won't play again until Monday's scheduled doubleheader against some of Cuba's top youth players in Havana.

"I'm just glad we didn't have the 10-run rule come into effect because we needed the innings," said Rattlers manager Eddie Abram.

Abram's team dominated every aspect of the game. Kurt Koehler was outstanding on the mound, in the infield and at the plate. Cole Stipovich was a last-minute replacement for Randy Minix at first base, but played the type of game a manager would want from an everyday player.

Not all went smoothly, however. Last-inning rallies have led to each of Oakland's three losses. Though the Rattlers were much too far ahead to lose against Alameda, they did give up a most cheesy unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning to ruin their shutout. Afterward, the Rattlers had to pay the price.

"That's why we did the extra running after the game," said Abram, as his team finished its postgame sprints in right field. "It's because we gave up the run."

For the most part, though, little went wrong for the Rattlers. Koehler, for one, had a game to remember.

It was the right-hander from Pinole Valley High School who set the tone for the game by striking out all nine batters he faced in the first three innings. Koehler moved to third base for the final four innings, making a nice play on a foul pop-up in the sixth and adding an assist on the

game's final play an inning later. Koehler, nicknamed "Crash," also showed some prowess at the plate by going 4-for-4 with an RBI double and scoring three runs.

"I've been taking a lot of extra batting practice because I've been having trouble with my hitting lately," said Koehler. "I'm not trying to impress anyone. I'm just trying to have fun — just wait for my pitch."

Koehler didn't need to impress anyone with his bat. He already had made a huge impression on the mound. Koehler's line: three innings pitched; nine up, nine down, nine strikeouts.

"I just wanted to get out of each inning quickly and not throw a lot of pitches," said Koehler, the Rattlers' No. 1 starter. "I just felt good. I had a

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Rattlers Cuba-bound

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

For most of us, Cuba is an island of mystery. Cuban sports are part of that mystery. But some of the events of the past decade — the adoption of baseball as a full-medal Olympic sport, the defections of some key Cuban baseball players, and the Orioles' 1999 home-and-away series with the Cuban national team — have helped to partially raise the curtain on the island's national pastime.

Soon, a group of 16-and-under players known as the Oakland Rattlers will look to raise the curtain even more during a week-long excursion to Havana.

Rattlers manager Eddie Abram — who conceived the plan — and a host of others have spent months preparing for the big moment, which arrives Saturday when the Rattlers depart from Oakland International Airport.

On June 16, Abram and company held a formal meeting with players and parents at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church to cover all the details, and all the dos and the don'ts, of the trip.

After arriving in Havana late

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ACCAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR Kurt Koehler led the Oakland Rattlers past the Alameda Mariners. Playing at College of Alameda on June 19, the Rattlers defeated the Mariners 8-1.

Former Yellowjacket feels a (baseball) draft

SF Giants tap Benavidez in third round

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High graduate Julian Benavidez cut his teeth on baseball as an A's fan. On June 5, though, it was the San Francisco Giants who chose Benavidez in the third round of the Major League Baseball first-year player draft.

But Benavidez's story is not one of a lifelong supporter of one team suddenly getting snatched up to play for a heated archrival. Through the years, Benavidez has transformed from a supporter of one team into an all-around student of the game.

"As I grew up I became a player," says Benavidez, who was

drafted as a third baseman after one year at Diablo Valley College. "I began to observe other players and watch what they were doing. But I'm very fortunate to get drafted by a Bay Area team, which is an honor."

Though Benavidez was a high pick — the Giants, who chose last in each of the draft's 50 rounds, made him the 106th selection overall — he is still weighing his options.

"It's a big decision in my life right now," said Benavidez, who originally planned to go to Arizona State as a freshman. "We (the third baseman and his family) are going through the process with the Giants. It's very exciting, but I don't have an answer now."

Benavidez has three options. One, he can sign with the Giants. Two, he could play another year at DVC. Or three, he could return to Arizona State, a school with a

most-respected baseball program.

When Benavidez arrived in Tempe last fall, he found he would ride the pines behind fifth-year senior Mike Lopez. Benavidez wanted to play, and was encouraged to go to a junior college to get the playing time he desired.

Benavidez chose DVC. Now, however, he finds himself at a crossroads.

Professional sports careers often are an elusive dream — even for the most promising prospects. Since Major League Baseball instituted the draft in 1965, many high-round, can't-miss selections have fallen by the wayside. Remember David Clyde in 1973, Todd Van Poppel in 1990 and Brian Taylor in 1991?

On the plus side, Benavidez brings some impressive creden-

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Panthers land Nelson

6-foot-2 guard transfers in from Vallejo

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The St. Mary's High School's boys basketball team has added another weapon to its already loaded arsenal as DeMarcus Nelson has transferred from Vallejo High.

Nelson, a 6-foot-2 guard, was named state freshman boys' basketball player of the year last season by Cal-Hi Sports. He averaged 16.9 points per game for the Apaches (17.5 in Monticello Empire League action), and chalked up 5.3 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.3 steals per game.

"He's definitely an All-American type of player," St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo said. "He understands the game and is capable of controlling a game."

Nelson joins a St. Mary's backcourt which includes Contra Costa Times Player of the Year DaShawn Freeman and second-team All-Times pick John Sharper. Both Freeman and Sharper, who will be seniors next season, are teammates of Nelson on the Oakland Soldiers AAU team.

"We will have three true point

guards, and they can all play (shooting guard and small forward)," Caraballo said. "They will all play, all at the same time. Who's going to guard them all?"

Said Freeman: "I feel it's going to be a powerful piece to our team. It'll make our team even harder to contend with. He's a natural scorer."

St. Mary's, which won the California Interscholastic Federation State Division IV title last season, is moving up to Division I for the 2001-2002 campaign. The Panthers return four starters from last season.

Nelson started the season as a shooting guard for the Apaches, then later moved to point guard. Vallejo finished with a 22-9 record and reached the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I semifinals.

But Nelson and his family started looking to transfer to another school last December, according to DeMarcus' father, Ron Nelson. He said the family seriously considered enrolling DeMarcus at St. Mary's before his freshman year, but instead enrolled him at Vallejo at the urging of his older sister Narkesia, who graduated this spring from Vallejo.

"It wasn't one particular incident. It was an accumulation of things for us as a family," Ron

Nelson said about the transfer decision. "DeMarcus has worked so hard to achieve academic excellence as well as athletic excellence. We felt it would be better to place him somewhere else."

Ron Nelson said that there was a lot of division on the Vallejo basketball team. "(But) sports was part of the equation, not the sum total of the equation," he said. "DeMarcus is an excellent student, and we were looking for a school that would prepare him for life."

"It was a family decision," said former Vallejo coach Vic Wallace, who resigned in April after 23 years of coaching basketball at Vallejo. "It was in the best interests of the family."

DeMarcus Nelson had a 3.5 grade point average last year at Vallejo. Caraballo said that Nelson was accepted to St. Mary's in April.

"We made first contact," DeMarcus Nelson said. "It's a new place, a new beginning for me, another step up in education so I can better myself in college."

Nelson also plans to play football and baseball at St. Mary's. He was a quarterback for Vallejo's junior varsity team, and has played center field, shortstop and pitcher for a Babe Ruth team.

percent of it."

Many prospects get moved from the position from which they got drafted. Many get traded to other teams, too. The Giants, though, haven't had a sure everyday starter at third base since trading Matt Williams after the 1996 season.

"There are a couple prospects in the minor leagues that I would love to compete with," says Benavidez. "I'm going to have to try my best to make my dream come true."

Whether it's with DVC, Arizona State, the Giants or someplace else — even somewhere closer to home.

Postscript
ELITE COMPANY: Benavidez wasn't the only DVC player selected in this year's draft, as the Mariners nabbed outfielder Marquis Pettis in the 40th round.

Another DVC player, freshman left-handed pitcher Robbie

Brethauer, had been selected in the 50th round of last year's draft by the Montreal Expos out of Bishop O'Dowd High School.

Like Pettis, Skyline High first baseman Jase Turner was a 40th-round pick this year. Turner, who bats left and throws right, was selected by the Pirates.

Turner, the grandson of former major league catcher Jesse Gonder, plans to eschew the Pirates' offer to play baseball and study pre-med at Pomona College.

SPEAKING OF ELUSIVE DREAMS: Mike Lopez, the guy Benavidez would have played behind at Arizona State, was drafted out of high school in the 52nd round by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1996. He was not drafted this year.

Lopez sat out the 1999 season with a leg injury and broke a wrist in May 2000.

why he did it.

A "burn" is a thin water hazard.

"Oddly enough, in England they call it a ditch," Phillips said.

Phillips said he would like to use fescue grasses on the course, but he said he was not limited to those grasses.

"Those who will judge our course will be purists," he explained. "But the playability of the course often supersedes the purists."

If Phillips can create anything like he did at Kingsbarns, which appears in photographs as wonderful waves of natural land and sand, this new golf course in Alameda will be special.

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academy, or a combination of both.

The details of the course are next on the agenda. This will include bunkers, burns and grass.

A links course is a ground-effects course. The ball is kept low in the wind and the ball rolls on the ground. The subtleties of a links course concern how the ball rolls — sometimes towards fairway, sometimes towards bunkers.

"A bunker is a hazard," Phillips explained. "On most links courses the golfer is forced to blast out sideways because the walls of the bunker are steep. It's not like we have here in our country."

As examples, Phillips explained the bunkering he did in many European courses, from Holland to Austria, and

the basketball team. He immediately became one of the first players off the bench for the Panthers, contributing 5.5 rebounds per game while fitting into the Panthers' fast-paced attack.

"I told him that if he came out for basketball, we would win state this year," St. Mary's basketball coach Jose Caraballo said. "I needed a guy with brute force to dominate the paint."

"I would describe him as underestimated by his opponents. He's a lot quicker than he ap-

pears to be."

Caraballo also pointed out Alexander's 3.5 grade point average.

"His prowess is not only in athletics — it's in the classroom," he said.

And how would Alexander like to be remembered by his classmates?

"Just somebody you can depend on, a good person," he said. "Someone who was there in the good times and the bad. A good student-athlete."

Rattlers

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lot of rest and was just focused on batter after batter. If you concentrate on the batter and not worry about striking out all the batters, you will have good results."

Koehler hopes to have the same kind of stuff when he faces the Cubans in Havana on Monday. He surely has the confidence of his manager.

"He's smart enough and savvy enough that if something happens, he won't fall apart," Abram says of Koehler.

Stipovich also had a memorable game, falling a home run short of hitting for the cycle and driving in three runs. Stipovich drove in Koehler twice, once on a base hit in the first inning and again on a two-run triple in the fifth (John Swett High's Terrell Harbin also scored on the latter hit).

Stipovich, a Berkeley High student who also doubled in the third inning, originally was not going to start the game. But when El Cerrito High's Randy Minix decided not to risk aggravating a sore wrist, Stipovich got the call.

Stipovich wasn't interested in forever relegating Minix to the bench. But an extra at-bat sure would have been nice.

"I don't know if I would have been able to get that home run, but it sure would have been nice to try," said Stipovich, who was replaced at first base by Ryan Nelson before re-entering to pitch the final inning.

The Rattlers, who had good production from the top six spots in their batting order, jumped on the Mariners for three runs in the top of the first inning.

Jesse Barnes of Head-Royce led off with a single, stole second and third, and then came home on a double steal as Oakland Tech's Corey Grayson (who had followed with a walk) swiped second.

Cuba

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Saturday night, the Rattlers will have a day of practice and sight-seeing on Sunday. The team gets down to business with double-headers against some of Cuba's top youth players next Monday and Tuesday.

The Rattlers will head to Cuba seemingly well prepared for the tough games they are sure to face. They are 11-3 heading into today's game with the Alameda Mariners at College of Alameda at 5.

"We lost three games in the last inning — games we should have won," Abram says. "Hopefully, we'll learn from that and get better."

Mostly, though, plenty has gone right for the Rattlers. And the team surely has made an impression with some. A recent state poll by usasportsrankings.com places the Rattlers second in their age division behind the Fullerton Mustangs.

Still, the Rattlers expect to face much stiffer competition in Cuba.

First, there's the simple reason that Rattlers are the traveling team, whose players must acclimate themselves to warmer, more humid weather and a three-hour time change. Secondly, the Cubans planned to field their Junior Olympians against the Rattlers. Finally, there's the unknown — the "X" factors that come into play in tournaments such as this.

Principal among them is the knowledge that many foreign countries — perhaps because of scant attention to birth records — are notorious for fielding older players for age-specific tournaments. As for some other specifics — well, the Rattlers won't find out until the games begin.

"They don't play high school rules with re-entry," Abram says. "I'm hoping to play American League rules where you can get the designated hitter in. They're also

After Koehler singled, Rafael Mendoza of Skyline High drove a sacrifice fly to right to score Grayson. One out later, Stipovich singled home Koehler.

The Rattlers went up 4-0 in the third as Koehler singled and went to second on a throwing error. Mendoza followed by reaching on another error but was thrown out at second as Koehler scored on the play.

Any doubts of the game's outcome were erased in the Rattlers' four-run fifth inning. Grayson started the inning by reaching on an error, and soon raced to third on an errant pickoff throw. Koehler doubled Grayson home for a 5-0 lead, and after a Mendoza ground out moved Koehler to third, Harbin walked to put runners at the corners. Stipovich followed with a triple to center to bring both runners home.

Mariners center fielder Noah Gallo was playing shallow with runners on base and had to race back to the fence to retrieve the ball.

"When I got to second base, he wasn't to the ball yet," said Stipovich, who suddenly found himself racing an extra 90 feet. "I haven't run or done any work for a couple of weeks. I was little bit out of shape."

Stipovich, though, easily beat the throw back to the infield and soon scored when Juan Mendoza — Rafael's twin who attends Fremont High — grounded out to second base.

Rattlers mistakes led to Alameda's only run in the seventh.

Cesar Alvarenga got a one-out single for the Mariners. Scott Tennell followed with what looked like a sure double-play ball. But when the throw to the shortstop was dropped, the Mariners had runners on first and second with still only one out. Alvarenga then stole third and continued home when the throw from the catcher sailed into left field.

Perhaps, though, the Rattlers learned their most valuable lesson

son of all that inning. They escaped an inning of sloppy play with minimal damage on the island city. It's unlikely they'd be able to do the same next week on the island nation.

Postgame
WORKING THOSE PITCHERS: Abram got four of his pitchers into the game. After Koehler worked the first three innings, lefty Donald Jones of Castro Valley High pitched the fourth. Jones retired the Mariners on a fly out to Harbin in center field and two ground balls to Barnes at shortstop.

Right-hander Nikhi Aurora of Piedmont High pitched the fifth and sixth innings. Aurora gave up no runs on two hits. He also struck out three and walked one. Stipovich, who throws and bats left-handed, pitched the final inning, giving up just the unearned run.

Mariners starter Chris Goin worked six innings, giving up all eight runs, six earned. The Rattlers connected for 10 hits off Goin, who also walked three and struck out one. Tennell pitched the final inning for Alameda.

WALLY PIPP REDUX
Stipovich's replacing of Minix evoked memories of Wally Pipp, the New York Yankees first baseman who sat out a 1925 game and never got in the lineup again. Pipp's replacement, Lou Gehrig, played the first of 2,130 consecutive games that day.

Pipp did not have a bad career. After losing his starting position to Gehrig, Pipp resurfaced with the Cincinnati Reds for the final three years of his career.

Pipp bounced back in 1926 to bat .291 with 15 triples and 90 RBI, his best year with Cincinnati.

Pipp also had some fine years with the Yankees, driving in 108 and 114 runs for the Pinstripes in 1923 and 1924, respectively. He also scored 109 runs in 1920.

Pipp, who died at 71 in 1965, finished his career in 1928 with 997 RBI and 974 runs on just 90 home runs.

supposed to use aluminum bats, but we'll know when we get there."

Abram, as well as his players and coaches, also had hoped to raise enough money to cover the full cost of the Cuba trip, about \$75,000. Though the Rattlers collected a significant portion of that amount, the fund-raising will continue through the 11th hour.

We didn't raise the amount that we needed, but the crime is giving up and not trying," said Abram. "We're about \$14,000 short, but that's a big nut from \$75,000. We're going to try to reach our goals until we get in that plane."

Sounds like that same "never say die" attitude that serves the Rattlers so well on the field.

Postscript

\$\$\$ Fund-raising is an ongoing concern for the Rattlers, who not only have to cover costs for the Cuba trip, but for the rest of the

season as well. To donate, call Abram at 1-925-603-3327. Or contribute via credit card online at www.acevta.com/go/cubaball.

OPPORTUNITY COSTS: By winning three of four AAU qualifying games at Jesuit High School in Carmichael on June 9-10, the Rattlers qualified to play in the AAU National Championships. The Rattlers, however, won't be going to that tournament, which takes place July 27-Aug. 4 in Hampton, Va.

"This year, because of the prohibitive costs (about \$17,000 to go to Virginia), we had to make a choice," said Abram, "and we chose to go to Cuba."

The Rattlers, though, won't exactly get shut out of prestigious tournaments. The team has been invited to play in the U.S. Amateur Baseball Association World Series in South Jordan, Utah, Aug. 1-10. Abram plans to bring the team to that tournament.

Draft

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tials to the Giants — or wherever baseball takes him.

He was named a first-team Junior College All-American at DVC, batting .350 with 10 home runs and 46 RBI. Benavidez also had 15 doubles and his 33 walks boosted his on-base percentage to .476.

Higher levels of play, of course, bring new challenges. The biggest challenge for most players, though, is probably to keep themselves on an even keel through both the good times and bad.

"Staying mentally focused is a big asset for me," Benavidez said, commenting on his strengths. "You go through some tough times. You might go through a slump, but you've got to stay mentally tough. That's 99

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"One advantage of a links green is that it has very natural edges," Phillips explained. "These greens are not like you see on the PGA Tour, where there is a very distinct edge with a different type of grass. And natural links greens do not use much water."

Whether the new Alameda Point course will have true links greens will be decided later, when the details of the course will be subject to vote. Wednesday's meeting was for the general routing plan.

A nine-hole course is planned near the far end of the range, though Phillips has left open the idea. It may be a nine-hole course, perhaps a teaching

Alexander

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rier 15 to 20 yards downfield. He was also a regular visitor to the opponents' backfield, recording 28 tackles for a loss.

"My uncle (Steve Moore, a St. Mary's assistant football coach) always tells me to keep running after the play. You never know if he'll cut back," Alexander said. "I just take angles."

Said Shaughnessy: "He would run down backs from a lateral position. I mean some very fast kids. He flew to the ball."

What made Alexander's play all the more memorable was that he rarely rested.

He was an All-Times pick on both the offensive and defensive lines, but he also lined up at line-backer and running back.

"He was on the kickoff team, the punt team, snapped for us. He did everything for us. I could always count on him," Shaughnessy said.

After competing in the National High School All-Star game in December, Alexander joined

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Arts

Second 'Dr. Dolittle' does more

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Eddie Murphy's "Dr. Dolittle 2" is an energetic, pleasing family movie, with plenty of clever humor and a cast of endearing animals. Sequels as a rule are not known for their originality, but "Dr. Dolittle 2" actually has a better premise than its 1998 predecessor.

Dolittle, the doctor who can communicate with animals, has evolved into a tree-hugger, hell-bent on coaxing an urban bear back into the wilderness to save what looks to be an ancient redwood forest somewhere north of San Francisco. Once you get over the shock of seeing naughty Eddie go all Julia Butterfly Hill, it's a rather lovely, mildly educational concept and a good use of Dolittle's unique talents.

The 1998 Dolittle was very heavy on the bathroom humor and more than earned its PG-13 rating. But here, screenwriter Larry Levin has toned some of that humor down, landing "Dr. Dolittle 2" a more palatable PG rating. There are still tasteless scenes involving scatological matters, including one exchange between Lucky the dog (charmingly voiced by Norm Macdonald again) and a wolf regarding

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Dr. Dolittle 2"

■ **STARRING:** Eddie Murphy, Kristen Wilson, Raven-Symone, Kevin Pollak

■ **RATING:** PG (language and crude humor)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 25 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B

urine, but by and large, they're funny and harmless.

Dolittle has embraced his destiny as animal healer/helper, so much so that when a tough-talking raccoon (amusingly voiced by Michael Rapaport) leads him to a beaver who wants help saving a forest, Dolittle takes one look at an example of clear-cutting and signs up for the cause.

Romancing the bears

With help from his lawyer wife (Kristen Wilson), Dolittle wins a temporary injunction to stop further clear-cutting. There's an allegedly endangered species of bear in that forest, a female named Ava (voiced to crabby perfection by Lisa Kudrow), and if



IN "DR. DOLITTLE 2," Eddie Murphy as the good doctor tries to persuade an urban bear that he should go back to the wilds to help save a redwood forest, when the bear would rather kick back and watch TV.

Dolittle can rehabilitate a circus bear named Archie (voiced by Steve Zahn) and get the two of them together to mate, the lumber company will have to turn over the forest.

Archie is a born performer — "Wayne Newton in a bear suit," Dolittle says — and he agrees to woo Ava only after Dolittle assures him he'll be "bigger than Pooh" if he can save the forest. But he's slow to pick up lessons on living in the wild. The concept

of hibernation? "Sounds more like depression," Archie sniffs. He nearly drowns learning to fish. When his big furry head appears underwater, the fish say "Wassup?" a joke that goes over well. Unfortunately, Levin has some bees use the line again later. Enough!

Director Steve Carr claims that 90 percent of what we see in the movie are real animals, with ac-

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Everybody talks about the weather

The heat's on: After a sweltering week like we've just had, the last thing I want to hear on television is what "pleasant" weather this is. If we wanted heat, after all, we'd live in Barstow. If we wanted heat AND misery, we'd live in L.A.

Then again, temperature is relative. 101 degrees here might be considered unseasonably mild in Phoenix, which is probably why KPIX's new 6 p.m. forecaster, Samantha Mohr, says it's been "pleasant" here — she's just arrived from that Arizona urban inferno.

Not so lucky was another recent Phoenix TV anchor import: KGO-TV morning news anchor Cameron Harper, who arrived here from Arizona only a few months ago replete with impressive Ted Baxter hair, was pink-slipped a few days ago with no notice. He's been replaced by the ever-pleasant and impressively resilient Don Sanchez, a long-time Channel 7 veteran who's been moved more times than a mob boss in the witness-protection program.

Speaking of the weather, it can even be a non-story these days: That same ABC station sent reporter Wayne Freedman out to Concord this week to report what became a non-story during the heat wave Monday — the non-story being a power alert that didn't happen. Still, that didn't stop Channel 7 from running a three-minute Freedman package (story).

Meanwhile, one nervous KGO anchor tells me, "Our ratings are down across the board. We've just had a bunch of people leave and no one's sure whose job might be next."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: One more "ABC-7" item. One night this week, a Sleep Train ad appeared on Channel 7's 9 a.m. newscast; the spot closed with a shot of a locomotive. Cut back to the news, and the very first shot viewers saw after the "Sleep Train" was an aerial shot of a fatal Amtrak collision with a car out in Solano County. Oops. Isn't that why stations have continuity departments? ... Beloved former KCBS morning anchor Al Hart, whose wife, Sally, is one who'll benefit from Sunday's 9 a.m. ALS walk at Lake Merritt, says there's another reason he enjoys doing lighthearted daily commentaries on the all-news station: "I have to make a certain minimum amount every year to keep my AFTRA union health coverage. In Sally's case, it's been a necessity." Hart, by the way, stays in close touch with his old KCBS Radio colleague from the 1950s and '60s, Oakland native Dave McElhatton. "Mac" retired from his anchor job at KPIX last fall, and Hart says "Dave is now retired and living full-time down in Palm Desert ... and loving every minute of it."

Meanwhile, I bumped into the guy who'd hoped to replace McElhatton at Channel 5 last week. But that's not why reporter/anchor Bill "Shecky" Schechner (that's really his nickname at Channel 5) was downcast as he left the KPIX building. I asked the Berkeley resident how long KPIX could continue being last-place in the local news ratings. "I think they've figured out how to run this place profitably and keep costs down," Shecky said with a shrug. One way tight-fisted CBS/Infinity does this: Selling part of the KPIX building (the west-facing side) as a billboard — if, as we reported last week, lead anchor Pete Wilson does in fact become the latest to bolt KRON under its new ownership, he won't be alone: Channel 4 news director Mark Berryhill lasted a whole six months under Young Broadcasting before bailing recently and heading back to Boston. It's not a happy place these days: Top-notch KRON reporter Laura Anthony also detected, to KGO...

Another unhappy place (I know, I know so much downbeat news today) is THE Sports Center, KNBR. The Giants'

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Actors know the show must go on

Nobody responds more quickly to an unexpected happenstance than a good actor suddenly faced with a dilemma on stage that wasn't called for in the script. Dressing rooms abound with stories of wonderful ad-libs to pick up dropped lines (or pants). Tales are passed around and polished until they attain the level of legend, usually embellished as only theater folks can embroider a grain of fact.

I recently ran across such a story while browsing the theatrical bookshelves at the public library in Concord, N.H., during vacation. Here it is from the introduction by author Gyles Brandreth to his delightful book, "Great Theatrical Disasters" (St. Martin's Press, New York, 1982).

Brandreth relates it as happening when he was 10 and taken to see his first "real play" as opposed to pantomime. It was a Victorian melodrama, starring the English actor Donald Wolfitt. The actor played a cruel and brutal father who gets his just deserts when he is stabbed to death by his own son.



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As the climax approached, Wolfitt was downstage ranting and raving while the son, unbeknownst to the father, entered, in Brandreth's words, "looking suitably wide-eyed and homicidal and dressed in a somewhat prematurely bloodstained greatcoat."

The youth crept up behind his doomed papa. Tension mounted. The moment of patricide was at hand. The young actor plunged his hand in the greatcoat to grasp the dagger and perform the dreadful deed.

Oh, no! The dagger was not there. In a panic, the young man searched frantically through all the pockets to no avail. Not knowing how else to dispatch his demented father, the son decided to give Sir Donald a boot up the backside.

The great actor clearly had not expected this attack from

the rear. But trouper that he was, he went into his death scene, staggered to the footlights, sank to his knees and expired, gasping, as if by way of explanation, "That boot — that boot — 'twas poisoned."

It's an apocryphal story, of course; never happened, as the author acknowledges. No matter. It serves to illustrate the quickwittedness of a performer — hilariously inappropriate as it may be — to keep his or her cool in the midst of a crisis on stage with hundreds of pairs of eyes on your every move, all ears tuned to every utterance.

Do you have a similar theater yarn to share? Send it along to the address at the end of the column. Names can be changed to protect the hapless if you like.

Be creative. Authenticity is not required. After all, Murphy's Law says if it can happen, it will happen.

What's the worst stage nightmare you can imagine?

WHITTIER 'FRANKENSTEIN?' Speaking of nightmares, how about this one from Berkeley playwright Andrea Mock?

Mock's new play, "Age of

Enlightenment," revolves around Mary Shelley's inspiration for "Frankenstein." A workshop production opens Friday at the Speakeasy Theatre Black Pine Circle, 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley.

"After a vegetarian dinner with her lover, the married poet, Percy Shelley, and visiting poet, Lord Byron," Mock writes, "Mary has a nightmare in which she beholds the hideous phantasm of her mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, attempting suicide by dousing herself with water and jumping from a London bridge."

Mary Shelley, 18, also is trying to keep her creative spirit alive while coping with an eyes-wide-open nightmare — a newborn baby, Percy's opium-addiction and the discovery of his affair with Mary's stepsister, Clara Clairmont.

The play answers the oft-asked question Mary Shelley herself asked in her preface to the 1831 edition of "Frankenstein," widely considered the first science fiction novel:

"How I, then a young girl,

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ARTS BRIEFS

Poets Dinner publishes new anthology

In the anthology "Remembering, winning" poems in the Poets' Dinner annual contests, 1976-2001, are as varied as their authors. Old and young, neophyte and veteran, writing poems as diverse as their persona, they have managed to write poems that won prizes.

Their subject matter equally various, going from the Civil War, Dust Bowl, Depression, to space-craft burial, yaks, and the bluebird of happiness.

From "The Bandsmen at the Global," L. Donald Payne remembering the Cal-Stanford game of 1982, writes:

"Bandsmen are funny in a football game — they'll probably never star.

Their blocking was effective but their tackling under par."

In "Ghost in Sunlight" Martha Bosworth writes:

"We've gone too far and fast to offer excuse

to ancient tribes that weathered on this coast."

And from Frank C. Shallenberger's "Let Him Sleep,"

"John Brown is wakeful.

On his withered hand the moonlight lays its lattice.

When, oh when shall mercy grant him peaceful sleep again?"

"Remembering" is 14 pages, \$9; mailed, \$10, and is available from the Poets' Dinner Committee, 2214 Derby St., Berkeley, CA. 94705.

Details: 510-841-1217 or 510-237-8541.

"Remembering" was sustained by a grant from the Berkeley Arts Commission.

Ecuador sculptor details life hardship

ALBANY — The Albany Arts Gallery continues its free exhibit of bronze sculptures by Galo Paz through Friday.

Paz, who grew up in Ecuador, sculpts primarily female figures. The artist says his works reflect the injustice, solitude, misery, loneliness and abandonment of human life.

The gallery is at 1251 Solano Ave. and is open noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For information, call 510-526-9558.

Watershed images, issues presented

BERKELEY — "Watershed 2001" will be exhibited at the Berkeley Art Center through July 14.

The artwork presents images and issues about our local watershed — the area of land that catches rain and drains into marshes, streams, rivers, lakes and ground water.

The paintings and drawings are by Barbara Adair, Lee Michael Altman, Nikki Basch-Davis, Spencer Chen and Anne Subercaseaux.

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Blues at the Muse

TONIGHT AT CLUB MUSE, 856 San Pablo Ave., in Albany, the El Cerrito-based blues band Balladyre and a host of special guests will take the stage. Balladyre (Michael 'Bones' Borbridge, Jay Russo, David Russo, Michael Hedtke and legendary lap steel guitar player Freddie Roulette), will play country rock and blues, original songs and covers. Guests will include Roy Rogers, Harvey Mandel, Will Scarlett and more. The show is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and there is a \$5 cover charge. Details: 528-2878.

EVENTS

Paramount Theatre Movie Classics Series — through June 29. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music by Jim Riggs on the Wuritzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dec-O-Win."

June 29, 8 p.m.: "The Phantom of the Opera." (1925.) A vindictive composer terrorizes the Paris Opera House. A silent film with live Wuritzer organ accompaniment. \$5. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400 or (925) 762-2277

Berkeley Public Library —

SOUTH BRANCH

"Source of Light," June 23, 2-30 p.m. A free concert with Gregory Joe Bledsoe and the "Source of Light" Band, combining fusion, reggae, pop and inspirational music. 1901 Russell St. (510) 644-6860. Berkeley. (510) 644-6100 or www.in-people.org/bpl

Oakland Public Library —

"Read! Make it Your Thing!" through Aug. 6. Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM —

"Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts.

Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222.

BROOKFIELD BRANCH —

"Ally the Clown," June 26, 4 p.m. 9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725.

ROCKRIDGE BRANCH —

"Writing from the Soul," June 30, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In this workshop, different writing exercises will be used to help cultivate an authentic writing voice. Free.

5366 College Ave. (510) 597-5017.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH —

"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Cody's Bookstores —

Frances Park and Ginger Park, June 22. The authors collaborate on "To Swim Across the World," about a real-life love story as told by the daughters of the unlikely couple. Pamela Rafael Berkman, June 25. The author discusses "Her Infinite Variety: Stories of Shakespeare and the Women He Loved."

Marjorie Heins, June 26. The First Amendment lawyer discusses "Not in Front of the Children: Indecency, Censorship and the Innocence of Youth."

Neil Gaiman, June 27. The creator and writer of the "Sandman" horror series reads from his new novel "American Gods."

Karen Tai Yamashita, June 28. The author discusses "Circle K Cycles," about the cultural confusion of the grandchildren of Japanese immigrants in Brazil who return to their parents' native country.

Nicholas Clapp, June 30. The author talks about "Sheba: Through the Desert in Search of the Legendary Queen," which questions whether the mysterious Queen of Sheba was a real-life monarch or a myth. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours —

through October. The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last between an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"Uptown to the Lake," June 23. A tour of glorious art deco facades in Uptown District. Also includes the Kaiser Center roof garden and view of Lake Merritt. Meet in front of the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway.

"Old Oakland Historic District," June 27. A walk through Oakland's Victorian business district of the 1870s. Visit the Washington Inn, Ratto's International Grocer and Mi Rancho Delicatessen and Tortilla Factory. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of Ratto's at Washington and 9th Streets.

"Chinatown," June 30. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged — meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza fountain at 9th and Webster Streets.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

The 89th Annual Alameda County Fair —

June 22 through July 8. Entertainment of all sorts, from carnival rides and culinary delights to live music and horse racing, abounds at the 2001 fair. Themes for this year's fair are "A Journey Through Time" and "2001 Ways to Have Fun." The popular Technology Adventures returns this year with such highlights as displays explaining internet connection via satellite, geothermal heat and patent application information. There will also be speakers and exhibits, including a 3,000 square foot display of NASA Ames Research material focusing on space and technology. The inventors' Showcase exhibits inventions

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, June 22.

Alameda County

Act I & II

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Sary Beast** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Albany Twin

1155 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
 • **The Road Home** (G) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

California Theatres

2113 Kirtland Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 5:00, 8:30
 • **Bride of the Wind** (R) 4:45, 9:30
 • **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 7:00
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 4:30, 8:15

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

355 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 481-9122
 • **The Animal** (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:10, 5:40, 6:55, 7:50, 9:10
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 12:35, 1:40, 2:50, 3:55, 5:05, 6:15, 7:20, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35
 • **Evolution** 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:35, 1:50, 3:10, 4:20, 5:35, 7:00, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:25, 5:45, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20, 10:35, 11:45, 12:55, 1:55, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:05, 7:55, 8:50, 9:30, 10:20

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 12:15, 4:05, 8:00
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:45, 4:55, 6:00, 8:10, 10:20
 • **Swordfish** (R) 12:40, 5:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:05, 10:40, 10:25

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 10:15

Century 25 Union City Union Landing

3210 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25

• **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:40, 1:25, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:20, 6:00, 6:50, 7:35, 8:20, 9:15, 11:40, 11:45 a.m.

• **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:35, 1:20, 2:15, 2:50, 3:40, 4:45, 5:25, 6:15, 7:05, 7:40, 8:30, 9:20, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 9:10, 10:05, 11:45

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 12:50, 1:45, 2:35, 3:30, 4:20, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 7:50, 8:50, 10:20, 11:15, 11:55

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:40, 1:05, 1:35, 2:20, 3:15, 3:40, 4:00, 4:50, 5:35, 6:00, 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30, 9:05, 9:50, 10:25, 10:50, 11:30, 11:55

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 3:05, 4:05, 7:00, 8:25, 9:55, 10:45

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 12:55, 1:15, 1:55, 2:30, 3:10, 3:35, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 8:10, 8:40, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00

• **Swordfish** (R) 11:00 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:30, 12:50, 3:05, 3:45, 4:25, 5:20, 6:15, 7:10, 7:45, 8:45, 9:35, 10:25, 11:20, 11:55, 12:50

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 10:45

Chabot Cinema

2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome

10320 Skyway Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 6:30
 • **Solar Max** (NR) 12:30, 7:30
 • **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

Elmwood

2988 College Avenue, Berkeley 843-0530
 • **The Circle** (NR) 3:30, 7:30
 • **Himalayas: L'Enfer d'un Chef** (G) 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

• **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00
 • **Pollock** (R) 1:15, 5:10, 9:15
 • **Traffic** (R) 4:40, 9:00

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
 • **French Can-Can** (1954) (NR) 9:15
 • **Modern Times** (NR) 7:30

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 432-3556
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:35
 • **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:45, 9:30
 • **Swordfish** (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

• **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 10:15 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 12:25, 1:20, 2:45, 3:40, 6:00, 7:25, 8:20, 10:40

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 3:00, 7:00, 10:45

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30

• **Swordfish** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 5:00, 9:45

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 2:30, 4:20, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:20 a.m., noon, 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 6:30, 7:20, 8:45, 9:20

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
 • **Avatar** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, midnight

• **Lagan** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Piedmont Theatre

1456 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

• **Memento** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

• **Sexy Beast** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Shattuck Cinemas

2220 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25

• **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 6:55, 8:00, 9:15, 10:10

• **Big Eden** (PG-13) 1:30, 7:05

• **Divided We Fall** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

• **Keep the River on Your Right: A Modern Cannibal Tale** (R) 2:20, 4:35, 6:45, 9:05

• **Memento** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15

• **The Mummy Returns** (PG-13) 4:10, 9:35

• **Songcatcher** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45

• **Time and Tide** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

• **Under the Sand (Sous le Sable)** (NR) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45, 12:25, 4:50, 8:05, 10:50

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 7:05, 10:05

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

• **Swordfish** (R) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 8:15, 10:35

UA Emerybay 10

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

• **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, 12:10 a.m.

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30 a.m.

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) noon, 4:00, 8:00, 11:45

• **Shrek** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30

• **Swordfish** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30, 12:30 a.m.

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50, 12:20 a.m.

Central Contra Costa

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10

• **Shrek** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

• **Swordfish** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:45, 10:00

Orinda Theater

4000 Theater Square, Orinda 254-9090
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

• **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

• **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45

San Francisco

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 922-4444
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 11:45

• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 1:00, 3:20, 10:10

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15 a.m.

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 8:00, 10:45, 12:30, 5:15, 8:10, 11:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:45, 10:45 a.m.

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:15, 11:00, 1:30 a.m., 2:40, 7:15, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

• **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00, 12:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45

• **The Mummy Returns** 1:10, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30

• **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 12:10, 4:00, 8:00, 8:00

• **Shrek** (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 11:45, 1:15, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20

• **What's the Worst That Could Happen?** (PG-13) 5:20, 7:40, 12:20 a.m.

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 922-4444
 • **The Animal** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10

• **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

• **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00, 12:45, 7:50, 10:45

• **Evolution** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50

• **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

• **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

• **Shrek** (PG) 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

• **Swordfish** (R) 1:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

Castro Theater

Castro Street & Market St., San Francisco 621-6120
 • **25th Anniversary San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Fest** (NR)

Clay

2281 Filmore Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Road Home** (G) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

• **Divided We Fall** (PG-13) 12:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

• **Memento** (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

• **Songcatcher** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 7:10, 9:30

• **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:00

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13

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the mummy again, as well as an even more powerful character named the Scorpion King. Many of the special effects look too fake to be believed, and the plot is incomprehensible nonsense. — M. Pols. (PG-13) 2 hours, 1 minute. C-

"PEARL HARBOR": A meatloaf sandwich on Wonder Bread: meaty action on the inside, surrounded by insubstantial, banal romantic material. Director Michael Bay does succeed in his 40-minute re-creation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but he shows his limitations everywhere else. The romance between two flybys, Josh Hartnett and Ben Affleck, does little to stir the senses. The dialogue is horrendous, of the "You're so beautiful it hurts" variety, and the acting is all about posing. Excessively loud and shot exclusively in golden light only, as if Bay had ordered up 24 hours of sunsets for his movie. Exhausting. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence and some degree of sexuality.) 3 hours, 3 minutes. C-

"THE ROAD HOME": A sweet and angsty Kodak commercial, set in present-day China in a remote village. A young businessman returns home from the city for his father's funeral, and discovers that his mother is insisting that the body be transported by foot to the funeral, a trek that will take two days. In a lengthy flashback, the young man recounts the story of his parents' courtship, which helps him better understand her demand. Beautifully shot, but suffers from too much sentimentality. And if you're going to see the dynamic young actress Zhang Ziyi, of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" fame, don't expect much. Like the film, she mostly just looks pretty. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B-

"SHREK": An animated visual marvel, with all the beauty and realism of a Chris Van Allsburg children's book. Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is an insecure ogre, who makes a

deal with evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow) to procure him a bride. Accompanied by a hilarious donkey (Eddie Murphy as his best), Shrek goes to rescue Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) from a dragon-guarded tower on high, and unexpectedly finds love. Plenty of bathroom humor (perhaps too much) for the kids, with some clever, more sophisticated stuff for parents. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B+

"STARTUP.COM": A riveting and tragic tale of two childhood friends who shared a dream of Internet success, saw their star rise and then watched it plummet even faster. The story has inherent human drama. And in the sure hands of co-director Chris Hegedus and her husband/producer, D.A. Pennebaker, they've created a poignant, insightful snapshot of our times, a personal look of our times, economy ... and society. — C. Lennire. (R: language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B+

"WORDFISH": Boldly illogical and notable mostly for the brief appearance of Halle Berry's breasts. John Travolta plays a super-spy named Gabriel, who is cooking up a nefarious plan to steal government money to fund his anti-terrorist campaign. Hugh Jackman plays the computer hacker Gabriel hires to break into the federal computers, and he's pure movie star. Too bad about the movie; there's absolutely no logic to the plot. For instance, all this computer stuff should be a fairly quiet enterprise, but with Joel Silver producing, somehow a bank takeover, a hostage situation and a massive car chase involving an airborne bus are jammed into the story. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language and some sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. C

"UNDER THE SAND": This tale of grief is worth seeing for Charlotte Rampling's rich performance as Marie, a woman whose husband disappears one summer day on the beach. Everyone else assumes he's dead, drowned, but Marie can't face up to it. She continues to live as if

Jean is with her, talking to him, asking him to hold her at night. Like "Blue" in the way it captures the grief of sudden loss. Rampling is good enough to make you start to question Jean's death as well. Could he have just run away, taken a leave of absence from their lives? A deliberately and gracefully ambiguous movie. Quiet, though; don't expect fireworks. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

"WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?": Could Martin Lawrence's foundation makeup overdose be what's weighing down this torpid snoozer? Lawrence is a burglar who gets tangled in a war of one-upmanship with a media mogul (Dannay DeVito). There are moments, and clever cinematography, but subdued pacing, halfhearted tacky jokes and a shameful lack of good lines squander an otherwise promising story, based on a book by Donald Westlake. Eccentric characters are shoehorned in here, from the street-wise uncle who would chest his own blood (Bernie Mac) to the faithful secretary who reads i Ching coins (Glenn Headly); still, this is no "What's Up, Doc?" or even "Ruthless People," despite DeVito's presence. The liveliest performance hands down comes from William Fichtner as extravagantly flamboyant Boston police detective Alex Tardio, who strikes serious poses and emanates equal-opportunity sexuality. — V. Chan. (PG-13: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C

"WITH A FRIEND LIKE HARRY": Sad sack Michael (Laurent Lucas), saddled with three kids, a grumpy wife and a pair of annoying parents, needs help getting his life together. Along comes Harry (Sergi Lopez) — an old high school classmate who admires Michael's former self just a little too much — with a most peculiar and nefarious way of helping. A wickedly funny dark comedy that owes a lot to Hitchcock, but still manages to be fresh. In French with English subtitles. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and a scene of nudity.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. A-

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stein," widely considered the first science fiction novel:

"How I, then a young girl, came to think of, and to dilate upon, so very hideous an idea?"

"Age of Enlightenment" plays Friday and Saturday of this week and again on the same days the following weekend at 8 p.m.

A \$5 donation is suggested. Call 510-841-9441.

Mock is a core member of the Speakeasy Theatre and its resident writer. The upcoming workshop production is her third play to be developed by Speakeasy, a writer- and director-driven collective dedicated to presenting new plays and premieres.

Previous works by Mock include "First Time," Mock's first full-length, one-woman monologue, and "Brain in a Box," originally a staged reading in 1998 that went to a full production in October 2000.

'ANNE FRANK' AT MAS-

QUERS: "The Diary of Anne Frank" opened Friday at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond, for a weekend run through July 21. Renee Echavez is directing.

After nearly half a century, this powerful and impassioned play, based on the writings of a young Jewish girl, hidden with friends in Amsterdam during World War II to escape persecution by the Nazis, is a moving theatrical experience.

The drama, adapted by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett from "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl," won the 1956 Pulitzer Prize, a Tony Award, Critics' Circle Award and just about every other coveted prize of the theater.

The cast for the Masquers' production includes Laelena Brooks, Pamela Ciochetti, Tom Flynn, Joseph Hirsch, Amalia Lorentz, Don Mill, Siobhan O'Brien, Matthew Surreance, Robert Taylor and Kit Turner.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. June 24 and July 1

and 15. Tickets are \$12. Call 510-232-4031.

The drama will take on a special air of reality at the two matinees June 24 and July 15. A survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, Dora Apsan Sorell, will be at the playhouse to talk about her experiences. She not only survived, she was later reunited with her childhood sweetheart, became a physician, endured life under Communist rule and escaped successively to Italy, Brazil and finally the United States.

'LA CAGE' AUDITIONS: The first of two auditions for "La Cage aux Folles" is at 2 p.m. today at the Masquers Playhouse. Last chance will be Monday at 7 p.m. Big cast and wide age range — 20s to 55-ish. Come to sing, dance and have fun. George Johnson is directing.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker c/o P. O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510 262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@cctimes.com, or call 510 262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

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ages with handmade sets and puppets. They incorporate original music, live action theater, hand puppets, masks, shadow puppets and slides to involve the audience in a multi-sensory experience.

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Celebrity artists present 'Berkeley Stories'

BERKELEY — The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. at Derby in, presents an evening in which notable Berkeleyites will tell stories that say something about the city and its meanings on Friday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Clapperstick Institute/Heyday Books in conjunction with the Berkeley Arts Festival, this event is a benefit for the David Brower Center, an environmental and art center proposed on Oxford Street as a living legacy for to the late pioneering environmentalist. Confirmed participants include notable Berkeleyites such as David Hilliard, Maxine Hong Kingston and Earl Kingston, Dorothy Bryant, Tillie Olson, Sylvia McLaughlin, Leonard Pitt, Ernest Callenbach, Al Young, and Malcolm Margolin.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

For more information about this event, contact Patricia Wakida at 510.549.3564.

For more information about the Berkeley Arts Festival, call Arnie Passman, (510-665-9496), or visit www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

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chair-accessible. Admission is free.

Call 510-644-6893.

Albany Arts exhibits 'Cali Flora & Fauna'

ALBANY — The Albany Arts Committee is exhibiting "Cali Flora & Fauna," 15 acrylic paintings by Albany resident John Dawson, through Aug. 23 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave.

Works are on a variety of subjects, include figurative, floral, fruit and interior scenes — all in brilliant color.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Applications for artists wanting to be considered for future exhibits are available at the center.

Call 510-524-9283.

Starry Plough hosts brass band blowout

Ed Ivey's Brass Band Blowout, featuring Polkacide, Brass Monkey Brass Band and Banda La Bahia, comes to the Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, on Saturday June 23. Tickets: \$6 at the door 21-over. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.

Headlining the show is Polkacide, San Francisco's legendary ompah-with-spikes polka band. Polkacide was one of the area's earliest standouts during the seminal early '80s punk rock era. Since the days of Mabuhay Gardens, the Farm and Ruthie's Inn, Polkacide has never stopped do-

ing one thing — playing hardened polka for polka pals everywhere.

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flagship station, whose 50,000-watt signal made it a perennial Top 10 fixture in the local Arbitron radio ratings for years, usually goes up in the ratings when baseball season starts. The first summer numbers are out, and while the Giants may be winning, its radio station is languishing in 20th — yes, 20th — place. Part of this may be because of pure greed — how many listeners will put up for one with any station that runs close to 50 percent commercials in morning drive? Not many. I'm old KNBR laid off around 15 staffers last month. Of course, losing Rush-Limbaugh to red-hot talk station KSCO (second in the last ratings book to sister station KGO, it's conservative KSCO's net ratings in two decades) didn't help The Sports Leader, either. And I've been hearing KNBR simulcasting with corporate sister/Raiders' flagship station "The Ticket," (1050 AM) presumably to cut costs.

When you see the name "Elvis Schmiedekamp" in print, it's funny for about two seconds — the first time, that is. But it's NOT funny on radio, and Cal Fed's tedious broadcast campaign using its customer-service VP with the "funny" first name is one of the worst ideas for an ad campaign I've heard in years. Cal Fed needs an agency switch, stop haste ... KGO Radio/TV's hyperactive consumer editor, Michael Finley, has been urging consumers, potential homebuy-

ers and re-fitters to visit www.myfico.com to get their FICO and Equifax credit reports. It costs \$12.50, but I followed Finley's advice and was impressed by myfico's quick service — after a bad experience with another company. I had accepted E-loan's offer last month of a free credit report (we're refing our home). E-loan sent me an apologetic e-mail saying that because of overwhelming response, my free credit report would be delayed 2-3 days. A second mass e-mailing apologized and said it would be a week. That was the last I heard from E-loan; I never got the report ... KDFC (102.1 FM) is one of five finalists for the National Association of Broadcasters' prestigious Marconi Award as Best Classical Station of the Year. KDFC's last Marconi was won by its late founder, Ed Davis, in 1991 ... BTW, the Bay Area may soon get its second commercial classical FM station. Alas, it's a just-sold Santa Rosa station whose signal doesn't reach the East Bay ...

"This guy's scary," says a newswriter at one local TV station about an unusually persistent and bold stalker who's been pursuing one of the station's popular female anchors. Shades of the guy who broke out KTVU's front window at Jack London Square a couple of years ago. So being a TV anchor isn't all glamour ... Speaking of blonde anchors, although she isn't the one currently being stalked, Channel 2's Leslie Griffiths has had her share of unstable "admirers." Maybe this item will warn them off: Despite her

good looks, few viewers know that Leslie actually reads books — lots of them — is now happily married, and listens to (gasp) NPR. I know the latter because KQED-FM talk host Michael Krasny says he was recently approached by Griffiths at a media affair. "She wanted to tell me she was a big fan of my show," says the brainy "Forum" call-in host. ...

Stock update: Readers who are critics of Texas-based energy gougers (aren't you all?) will be happy to learn that I dumped my Enron stock this week — just before ENR hit its 52-week low ...

Finally, SFChron editor Phil Bronstein's run-in with that komodo dragon at the L.A. Zoo is continuing to inspire funny material. One columnist at the L.A. Times wrote: "If MY wife gave me a Father's Day present that consisted of being locked in a steel cage with a 7-foot lizard, I think I'd sleep with one eye open." And CBS's David Letterman's recent Top 10 list included these get-well cards for Bronstein: "At least you weren't hit in the face by a goose. Love, Fabio." "I was in a bar and saw your picture on TV and they showed footage of a giant lizard. What the hell happened?" "I know you'll come out of this a better, stronger person for having been bitten by a giant lizard." And: "You have sex with Sharon Stone and I'm sending YOU a condolence card?"

(You can e-mail Bill at News-mann@sonic.net or visit his web site: www.mannaboutsf.com).

Dolittle

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tors in a bear suit needed for just a few scenes, and of course, the use of movie magic to make the animals speak. On a few occasions, the bear doesn't look entirely real, and Murphy is often obviously not in the same shot as Archie, but overall, the pieces fit together reasonably well.

Murphy is mostly a straight man, unleashing just a dollop of his trademark manic energy in his early scenes with his difficult teen-age daughter, Charisse (the overly lip-glossed Raven-Symone, barely recognizable from her days on "The Cosby Show"). She's got a boyfriend now, played without particular zest by rapper Lil' Zane, and she doesn't respond to knocks on her bedroom door, preferring to be paged. Murphy doesn't seem en-

tirely comfortable in the protective papa role.

Mind bending at times

Pesky thoughts may dance through your head in regards to the dignity of animals, or lack thereof, in "Dr. Dolittle 2." Consider for a minute the unsettling irony of having Archie the bear, a trained circus animal who needs rehabilitation in order to return to the wild, be played by Tank the trained bear, who presumably would need rehabilita-

tion in order to live free again.

All these issues wafted through my head, especially in a scene involving Archie, Cherry Garcia ice cream and lactose intolerance. But then I decided to let it go.

There's enough sweetness in "Dr. Dolittle 2" to provide a counterbalance to these troubling ideas. Besides, a possum in a baby's car seat is just funny. And Archie is cute enough to inspire a whole new craze in teddy-bear collecting.

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that are patented but not mass produced. Competitions ranging from garden plants to pies will be held. The Kids' Park includes pony rides, amusement rides, games and crafts. In addition to the professional entertainment, there will be performance by local artists.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Fair Parade," June 23. Baseball legend Vida Blue will be this year's Grand Marshall.

"Blues Festival," June 23, noon. With Sonny Rhodes, Lydia Pense and Cold Blood, Ron Joseph and Stepping Stones, Alvon Johnson and His Alisters, Michael John and The Bottom Line Blues Band, and the Bay Area Blues Society Caravan of Alisters Review featuring Teddy "Blues Master" Watson, Willie Trass, Willie G., Ella Pennewell, and Sweet Liz.

"Singing Festival," June 24, noon. With Johnny Nocturne featuring Les Press-On and The Nails, and Connie Champagne.

The "Motown Festival" June 30, noon. With tributes to the Temptations, Spinners, Four Tops, Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions, Marvin Gaye and Gladys Knight.

The "Gospel Festival" July 1, noon. With Cynthia Carter Hill, Progeny, Beverly Rivers & BreakFree and Joyful Noise.

"Live Horse Racing," June 27 through July 8. NO RACE JULY 2. "Headliner Entertainment," June 22 through July 8. Headliner entertainment is free with Fair admission. There are two shows daily, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Seating is limited and those needing seats are advised to come early. Entertainers scheduled to appear include Lee Ann Womack, David Clayton-Thomas with Blood, Sweat and Tears, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Lou Rawls, Ramsey Lewis, Mark Chestnut, Asleep At the Wheel, Rich Little and Mya.

\$7 general; \$4 seniors and children ages 6 to 12; free children under age 6; carnival rides extra. Fair Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; July 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Carnival Hours: Daily, noon to midnight. Entry Gates at Valley and Pleasanton Avenues, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. (925) 426-7600 or www.AlamedaCounty-Fair.com

Berkeley Ymca Family Night — June 22, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Local vendors will show and sell their wares, and entertainment will be offered by the Berkeley High dance troupe and storytelling by Orunamu.

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June 30: The annual audience-assisted reading of the Declaration of Independence.

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Berkeley Stories — June 29, 7:30 p.m. Citizens of Berkeley will tell stories that say something about the city and its meaning, in conjunction with the Berkeley Arts Festival. (510) 549-3564.

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Lawrence Hall of Science presents "The Science of Toys," from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 27. What do yo-yo's and spinning tops have to do with science? Expert spinners from yo-yo-Topia will dazzle you with amazing tricks and explain the awesome physics behind these spinning toys. Bring a yo-yo or purchase one in the Discovery Corner Store and learn some new moves. Admission is included with museum admission. For more information, or to reserve tickets call 642-5132.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

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Assemblywoman Dion Aroner (D-Berkeley) presents "The Fifth Vital Sign," a public hearing on AB 487 Remediation of Under Prescribing Pain

Medication from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1902 Hearst Ave. For more information, call 540-3660.

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Exhibits

Bay artist and landscape painter Keelya Meadows presents an exhibit running through June 30 at the Artworks Foundry Gallery 729 Heinz Ave. The exhibit will include the innovative and colorful bronze sculptures first presented at the 2001 San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, where Keelya Meadows' sculpture garden, "A Garden Paradise," won Best-in-Show. Artworks Foundry Gallery hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 644-2735 e-mail: KeelyaMeadows@aol.com.

The Cecile Mouchnek Gallery, 1809 D Fourth St., continues its exhibition "Poetics of Space," new works by artists Christopher Lane and Seiko Tachibana, through July 8. Both artists have had solo and group shows throughout the US and internationally. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 549-1018.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on request. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during business

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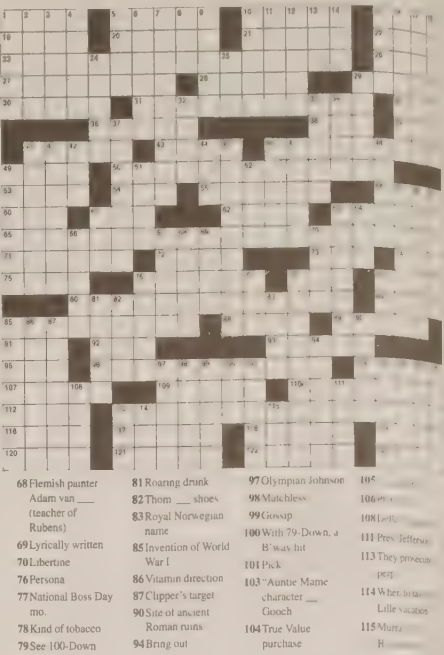
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Literary Events

Oluyemi and Ijeoma Thomas perform music and poetry, as well as teach others how to combine words and music from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Main Library, West Auditorium, 125 14th St. Bring your writings and instruments. The event is free. For more information, call 238-3134.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640

College Ave., presents "Berkeley Stories," an evening of anecdotes about Berkeley by some of the city's most notable residents at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 29. Participants include Maxine Hong Kingston, Black Panther leader David Hilliard, environmentalist Ernest Callenbach and more. A \$5 donation is requested. There are free refreshments. "Berkeley Stories" is part of the Berkeley Arts Festival, a two-week, city-wide celebration of the arts. For more information about "Berkeley Stories," call Patricia Wakida at 549-3564. For more information about the festival, call Arnie

Passman at 665-9496 or visit www.berkeleyartsfestival.com

The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., No. 42, presents an Alfresco exhibit 11 a.m. until Sunset, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. The exhibit includes sculpture by Martin Metal photographs by Marianne Robinson and paintings by Tom Schultz. Regular Fig Tree co-op exhibitions will be ongoing inside the gallery. For more information, call 540-7843.

"Poets' Corner" kicks off the Berkeley Arts Festival from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Public Library on the corner of Shattuck and Kittredge. The

program features poets Ivan Arguelles, Marcel DuBois, Jack Foley, Adele Foley, Floyd Salas, Richard S. berg, John Oliver Simon, Jennifer Stone, Cassandra Tesch and Julia Vinograd. The Berkeley Arts Festival is celebrating its fourth year. For more information, call 649-3929.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae community church 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and

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Outdoors

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association Bay Area Chapter (ALSA) sponsors "Walk to D' Feet ALS," from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, June 24. Join walkers in strollers, people in wheelchairs and others for the 3-mile walk around Lake Merritt beginning at the bandstand. Music, clowns, balloons and refreshment await you. Proceeds of the walk go toward research, services and programs that support local ALS patients and their loved ones. To register or for more information call Tony Adessa at 415-392-2572 or E-mail tadesa@alsabayarea.com.

Music

The Berkeley Arts Festival presents the

Just Friends Jazz Quintet at 8 p.m. Monday, June 25 at the Festival Gallery, 2200 Shattuck Ave., at Allston Way. Just Friends is composed of Sy Grossman, piano, Michael Moss, saxophone, Dave Cessini, vibraphone, Bobby Shannon, bass, and Roy Halliday, drums. The group performs jazz classics from bebop including works by Charlie Parker, Todd Dameron, and Joe Henderson, as well as standards and show tunes from the 30s and 40s. For more information, call 466-0411 or www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

Support

Build a Healthy Back, an introductory workshop, is 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, June 25 at Berkeley Adult School, 1222 University Ave. Learn to overcome back pain with gentle self-healing movements, breathing, massage techniques, and postural work. An experienced body work practitioner guiding people in recovery from back pain. Bring a mat and pillow. Pre-registration required. For more information, call 644-6130.

Lecture/Workshop

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 648-0237.

Religion

Thai Temple Wat Mongkolratana ceremonies is from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24 at 1911 Russell St.

The program includes Buddhist ceremonies, Thai classical dances and Thai cultural events, authentic Thai foods and desserts. Admission is free. Small charge for food. Call 849-3419 for more information.

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Filmmakers Festival presents six films at Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at 2200 Shattuck Ave. T Films to be show include The God War and Those Who Refused to Fight It, by Judith Ehrlich and Rick Tejada Flores; Just Crazy About Horses, by Time

Lovejoy and Joe Wemple; Los Romero; The Royal Family of the Guitar, by L. John Harris and Bill Hayes; In Between the notes, by

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A visit with Jean Allen, Albany's departing senior services director

"Jean Allen is retiring." Every time someone made this announcement in my hearing it was as if, "How could she! I never thought this would happen." Well, it could, and she is.

Jean Macdonald Allen, Albany's director of senior services, is retiring. And thinking about it reminded me that it has been several years since I wrote about this vital, giving woman who has played such an important part in the lives of the seniors of Albany. In fact, in looking back, we agreed that the last time I interviewed her she had held that position for only a few years and was still building on it.

And build she did. The Senior Center in Albany has become, under her, a positive force in the community. A place where active, interested and curious seniors could meet each other, could take challenging and interesting classes, and plan exciting travel. Or just join each other in partaking of the good, solid food they serve, cooked in the center's own kitchen, for the most part. And it is a place where such active, interested seniors could go for information and help in problems with transportation, wellness, and living. As well as where the frail elderly to go for such help as Meals on Wheels and other assistance.

Jean will tell you that she has not done this alone. She is enthusiastic when she speaks of the people she works with, of their spirit, of their willingness to help each other, and their interest in the world and what makes it go round. And of the Friends of Albany Senior Center who volunteer in the center and raise money for such things as awnings and re-decorating.

Allen has been senior director since 1982. "You can't just go in and take over, just like that," she says, "It takes a while. You have to feel that this is a home and you want everyone to feel the same way.

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That's really what I always wanted to do." And she adds, "This was not just a vocation, it is also an avocation."

She says she had spent five years just volunteering and counseling, and some of the time she was interning as well. "You know, if I didn't get paid for this I would volunteer."

A true daughter of the East Bay, Jean Macdonald was born in the Peralta Hospital in Oakland. Her parents had a home in Albany then, but shortly after built a house in Kensington.

While she was still very young her father volunteered into the service, and Jean and her mother went to live in Portland, Ore. where her parents originally came from. They moved all over the country, following her father, and eventually ended up back here.

"But our history with the area goes back before that," she says, and delights in telling about her Uncle Augustus Macdonald, for whom Macdonald Avenue in Richmond is named, and who played a large part in the early days of that city and the East Bay. "I remember going with my father to visit this old house."

After schooling in Albany, she had finished one year of college when she moved, with her parents, to Persia (today's Iran), where her father was superintendent and general manager of a consortium of American oil companies helping to get young oil companies off the

ground. "I was going to finish my education in Beirut, but I couldn't resist adventure." She was private secretary to the financial advisor to the National Iranian Oil Company. "He was British and I was American and we were the only expatriates in the company."

She raved about the beauty of the country. "What we know now of that country is not the country as I knew it." It was just gorgeous, she says. Everything from deserts to mountains. And she spoke of beautiful mosaics and lovely buildings adding, "I could go on and on."

While there she met a Dane who was working for a shipping agency. "We married and I had my first child." The two went to Denmark for a while, then came back to this area. "The marriage did not last but the child is terrific."

Here, she says, "I was an inveterate volunteer. Every PTA, Campfire Girls, etc." She was given an honorary life membership to PTA. She went back to school and earned a degree in Gerontology from the University of New York. "I got the degree in the early days when we weren't sure just what classes were needed for such a degree. So I took everything, medical, social, we lumped it all together. My specialty was not in recreation, but I handled that just fine, and at the end I truly was a gerontologist."

She speaks of the special needs of people in a small city like Albany, of the older adults who need special care, and the other, active older adults who

want to be challenged. The Senior Services must serve both, and does. And she speaks of the growing number of elderly who will need both care and challenges. And of the need for a gerontologist who must address all these needs, federal guidelines, and other things "you just need to know."

She speaks again of the Friends of the Albany Senior Center, and of a community that takes part and pleasure in the center, such as the firefighters who cooked the recent pancake breakfast there.

And she speaks of her husband, Jim, who has been by her side at all times. It was he who started and for several years edited the Boosters News. And of her three children. "I have six grand children and Jim has two. All terrific."

After she retires they will go to Santa Barbara to baby sit

her daughter's cat for a month. Then to her son's place on the Delta where they will water ski ("The children love to see granny water ski," she says). She will take up golf, "If I can make the ball understand that it must go where I want it to go." She adds that she had to buy Lady Petit clubs and then they had to cut them down to fit her.

Sounds like a fun time to me.

I thank all of you who mentioned Jean Allen's retirement. We had a great chat. And, always, I invite your input. I'm interested in people. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St. #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com

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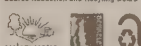
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PERRY BALES stands proudly beside his golden 1979 Volvo 242 DL which transports him to air shows throughout the West.

If only cars could fly ...

Air show aficionado Perry Bales has been traveling from his home in Oakland across the country to aerial performances since the 1970s. As that decade ended, he began driving in much the same style and in the very same automobile he does today — his 1979 Volvo.

If only Bales could get his car to fly. He recently saw what that might be like, even if the image was digital rather than tangible.

"I'm fascinated with what computers can do with pictures," the Navy veteran said as he examined his digital camera after a recent photo shoot.

He then explained how one of his friends had created a computer montage of his prized automobile complete with a jet engine mounted on the hood.

His expression changed as he imagined his automobile airborne.

However, Bales is quite happy with his Sunset Gold Volvo, even though it can't lift off the pavement. Placards attached to the rear of the vehicle announce — in succession — that he and his 242 DL became

DENNIS EVANOSKY
My Favorite Car

members first of the 100,000, then the 200,000 and now the 300,000 "High Mileage Club."

"This beauty now has 341,000 miles on her," Bales said proudly pointing to the 2.1-liter four-cylinder engine. "I had the engine replaced at 337,000 miles. My hat's off to Cliff Reis of C-5 Auto on High Street in Oakland — He's quite a magician. When Chuck built me this engine, he put a real rocket together."

A rocket is just what Bales needs to get him around to the 20-plus air shows he attends every year. "I'll make 26 shows this year," says Bales as he leaned against his prized possession.

Bales and his golden auto are no strangers to the air show circuit. Last year the International Council of Air Shows honored Bales with its "Air Show Fan of the Year" award.

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MOTOR MATTERS

CHEVROLET tweaked out the Blazer with a lower ride, a new front fascia and the transmission moved to the floor.

Chevy Blazer SUV given Xtreme makeover

The 2001 Chevy Blazer has literally gone to a new Xtreme. In so doing, this stately sport utility vehicle has sunk to a new level — purpose.

The Xtreme has a lower riding sport suspension to appeal to younger buyers. The Chevy people were aware that some Blazer owners had been buying kits designed to give two-door SUVs a lower ride. These owners were, for the most part, 39-year-old-and-younger-people who put high priority on style with flair and an aggressive attitude.

To enhance sales in that area of the market, the two-door model of the

Blazer underwent some changes: thus the birth of the Z87 "Low Riding" Sports Suspension.

Chevy designers and engineers added more youth appeal by using 16-inch low profile tires wrapped on uniquely styled aluminum deep-dish wheels.

The designers also twiddled around with the front fascia by installing fog lamps, designing a snazzy-looking Xtreme badging, and wrapping the steering wheel with leather.

Lowering the vehicle doesn't seem to be the direction to go for off-road use. Most SUV manufac-

turers boast of the vehicle's underside clearance, but Xtreme buyers have no intention of going off road. The younger Blazer buyers were going for the two-wheel drive, not four-wheel drive models.

This fact prompted the Xtreme engineers to install the four-speed automatic transmission with over-drive on the floor, instead of the steering column, providing another feature desired by the younger buyers.

Youth seem to have a keen ear and desire for an excellent sound system, which was another area of Chevy's concern. A very loud Bose


TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

six-speaker system is available that plays cassette or CD as an option. My tester included the Bose system that was capable of rattling the windows of nearby cars. Perfect for teen-agers.

But the Xtreme is not a vehicle for teen-agers — unless they have about \$25,000 to spend. The base

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Gasoline-powered 1901 Oldsmobile resembles buggy

Oldsmobile, founded in 1897, was almost put out of business in March 1901. Until then, the company had not produced many vehicles, but had built quite a few prototypes to determine which offered the best chance of commercial success.

All of the prototypes were stored in a Detroit building when it caught fire and, according to company legend, Oldsmobile employee James Brady, braving the smoke and flames, pushed the curved-dash model to safety. All the other prototypes were destroyed by the fire.

Oldsmobile reportedly sold 435 of the curved-dash models in 1901. It was easily the most popular car of the era. The curved-dash Oldsmobile essentially was a wooden buggy body, with no provision for a horse, and a tiller to steer the 8-foot-long vehicle.

Riding on a 67-inch wheelbase, the 700-pound Oldsmobile was powered by a single-cylinder, four-cycle engine. It sold for \$650. The popular curved-dash Oldsmobile runabout was advertised as costing less to own annually than keeping a horse.

More than a quarter century ago, Reed Martin acquired one of the runabouts. At an antique auto show in 1975, Martin discovered one of the participants owned an early Oldsmobile of some sort.

He took the bait and was soon in rural Brems Bluff, Va., with a fistful of money from the sale of an unwanted muscle car.

"It's a pretty neat old car," Martin thought, until he learned more about the Oldsmobile.

He thought the front and rear springs anchored at the axles, supporting the car, were connected until he saw the 1 1/2-foot gap under the body of the car. The space between the front and rear five leaf springs is supposed to be filled by a grooved piece of wood painted black to give the illusion of one continuous spring.

Martin located a supplier, still in business, to the delight of curved-dash Oldsmobile owners every-

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Martin loaded the car on a trailer and drove to Pennsylvania Dutch country, where he found a maker of tops for the horse-drawn buggies of the Amish.

where. Learning as he went along, he discovered the metal grating—painted black across the rear of the car behind the engine—was incorrect.

He was amazed to find a man who manufactures replicas of the original wooden tailgate with the appropriate horizontal louvers.

The car had a Model T Ford carburetor when Martin bought it, but an original Oldsmobile version is now in place. Over the years, Martin slowly made his car as correct as he could, down to the rectangular water tank on the left side of the engine compartment and the gasoline tank on the right.

The correct ignition system came from New Jersey, the wheel rims from Michigan and the stainless steel spokes (42 per wheel) from Ohio. The white-rubber original style, 3.00x28-inch tires came from Tennessee.

One of the advantages of the curved-dash Oldsmobile is that the car can be hand-cranked from the driver's seat on the right side of the vehicle.

After adjusting the two levers protruding from beneath the lip of the front seat (the right one attached to the carburetor and the left one regulating oil dripping into the cylinder), the driver uses his or her heel to depress the pedal at the base of the seat, thereby releasing the compression.

After that, the driver can reach



1901 OLDSMOBILE curved-dash runabout, powered by a single-cylinder four-cycle engine. Initially, this vehicle was advertised as being cheaper to maintain than a horse. Note the steering tiller.

out on the right side of the car, grab the crank, turn the engine and hopefully bring it to life.

After the engine starts, the driver has to contend with two pedals, a speeder button and a brake. To occupy the driver's left hand is the tiller. The right hand controls the spark advance and the gear lever at the end of the seat. With the gear lever straight up, the transmission is in neutral. Pulled back, the lever places the car in low gear; pushed forward, it engages high gear. That was all there was to it. As for braking, Martin says, "It'll slow down if you don't break the chain."

After Martin had improved the 1901 Oldsmobile to its current condition, he loaded the car on a trailer and drove to Pennsylvania Dutch country, where he found a maker of tops for the horse-drawn buggies of the Amish. He was hoping to find

someone who could make a three-bow top for his Oldsmobile. Instead, he found a toymaker with several used tops, including the three-bow frames.

He looked over the supply and, pointing to one hanging from the rafters, pronounced, "That one will fit." Sure enough, it clamped onto the 1901 Oldsmobile like it had been made for the vehicle. Now we know where the original leather tops came from. The pair of step plates, one on each side, is standard equipment to help ease entry into the spindly car, which towers 6 feet, 7 inches tall.

"It's been a real joy," Martin says of his effort at restoring his Oldsmobile, which can, like when it was new, exceed 20 mph. He completed the restoration in time for the car's centennial celebration.

Favorite

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According to the ICAS, Bales always dresses in his "signature blue flight suit" and wears a baseball cap "covered with dozens and dozens of performer pins he has collected over the years."

The ICAS also points out that Bales "always travels to shows by car, sometimes as far as 10 hours round trip." What the ICAS doesn't mention is Bales' special relationship to what it blandly and colorlessly refers to as a "car."

"I keep this car gorgeous both

inside and out," Bales says, "opening the door to show everyone the interior that complements the car's golden exterior."

It's evident that Bales keeps this gem going for another 300,000 miles.

"I intend to drive this beauty until they pry the keys out of my hands," he said as he drove a Volvo a solid pat on the back.

"This has been a real joy, an old machine. I get something about my cars. This is no doubt the best car I've owned."

Now if Bales could tell us his golden automobile arbore Something tells me he just might be working on that!

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

price of my vehicle was \$21,235. The option package included automatic transmission, power windows and locks, plus heated mirrors and a rear

window convenience package, tilt-steering, sound system, six-way power driver seat, overhead console, and cloth seats, bringing the total to \$24,850.

When I began my test-drive week, the Xtrème and I were not compatible. Initially, I didn't like the idea of driving a Chevy Blazer stripped of all the

good features of a four-door SUV. The Xtrème doesn't have the road visibility of higher vehicles. But that omission was offset by not having to climb up to get into it. I dislike two-door vehicles, and here I was driving an SUV that had only two doors. Yet, most of the time I felt like I was driving a solid-

riding, stable car with a strong engine. I enjoyed the acceleration of the 4.3-liter V-6 engine. Although it produces only 190 horsepower, the Xtrème is capable of towing 5,000 pounds. It is the 250 ft.-lb. of torque that makes acceleration very pleasurable. My attitude did a complete one-eighty

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Auto Doctor: I recently purchased a 1998 Buick Regal and I noticed a lot of water coming out of the tailpipe. The dealer said this leakage is normal. My last Buick never had any water coming out of the tailpipe. What is the problem? Leo

Leo: The water you see coming out of the tailpipe is normal. It is a by-product of the gasoline being burnt. Some vehicles have more water dripping out

the tailpipe than others.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1985 Toyota Corolla that runs very poorly in wet, damp weather. The dealer checked it out and said the ignition coil is fine. Someone said the carburetor could be the problem. What do you advise? Gary

Dear Gary: The problem can be both carburetor and secondary ignition. I would first look to make sure the preheat flex tube is in

place. Without this preheat tube, carburetor icing can take place in as mild as 40 degrees. I have seen and replaced a lot of ignition coils, distributor caps and wire sets on many Toyota vehicles. You must use the factory Toyota parts on this service.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Ford Taurus wagon with a 3.8-liter V-6. At 90,000 miles, the head gaskets failed at a cost of \$1,800. I sent a

letter to Ford concerning this problem, because I have heard a lot of other Ford vehicle owners with the same engine have had similar problems. A friend mentioned that there was a recall on this problem. Ford's answer was my car was not part of the recall, and since it was 10 years old, there was nothing that can be done. I would have thought the engine should have gone 150,000 miles before a major repair. Is there

anything else I can do to seek reimbursement? Erik

Dear Erik: You did not mention if you purchased the car new. This information does make a difference. If you were not the original owner, the first owner could have been negligent in service. You also did not mention if the repair was done at the dealer. If it was, you will stand a better chance of some reimbursement. Putting that aside, Ford

did have major cylinder head problems with the 3.8-liter V-6 from the early 1980s to late 1990s. Your car is 10-plus years old with low mileage. A \$2,000 voucher on a new Ford would be worthwhile. I sent your letter to the Ford New York office to see if a representative will respond. Ford personnel are usually very fair with their recommendations.



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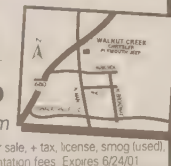
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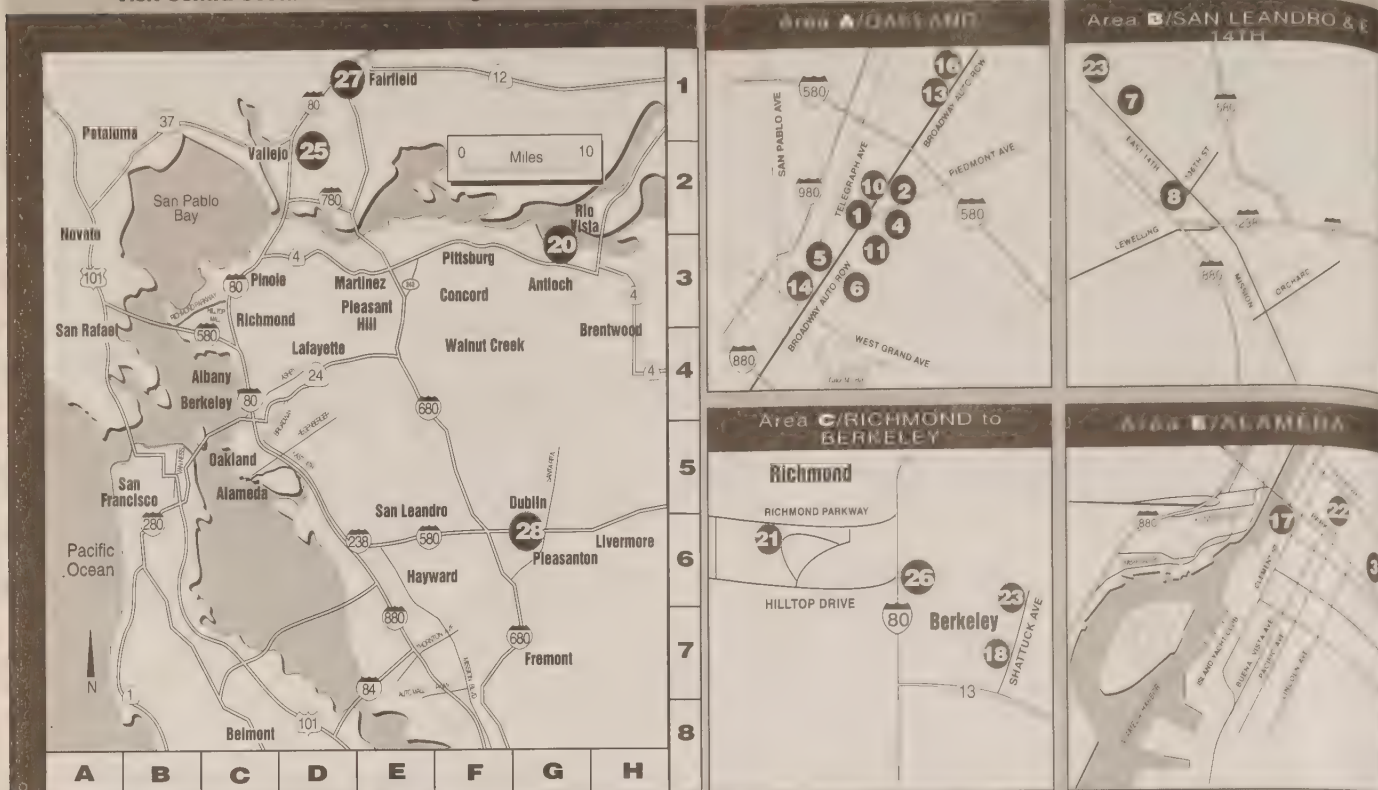
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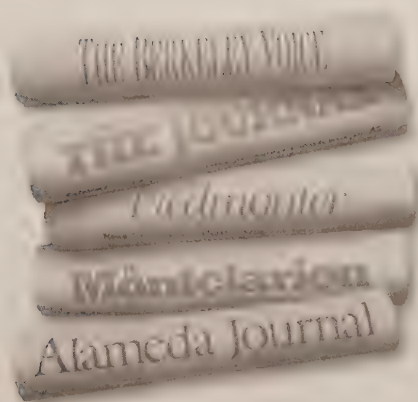
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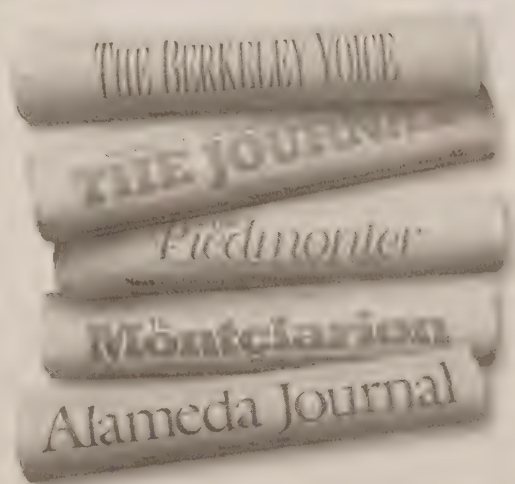
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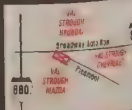


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Lights out, food's on

■ Blackouts are coming, but don't fret—they can be flavorful and fun

BY CATHY THOMAS
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

For many Californians, blackouts are nothing new. No, not the kind bred of a statewide energy crisis, but blackouts that were part of a World War II defense strategy.

Velma Scofield, 80, remembers the screeching sirens, the lack of light, the camaraderie generated by collective efforts to make the nighttime California coast invisible to Japanese attack.

Scofield was attending a large gathering of the Women's Defense Corps of America at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum when the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor was announced, interrupting a presentation made by an English woman lecturing on civil defense and first aid.

"The news really tore us up, especially when we saw a Japanese-American unit from Gardena. Those women left immediately. We felt sorry for them," Scofield says.

"And it wasn't long before we were putting up black window shades in my family's home in North Long Beach. Blackouts meant that neighbors that didn't have black shades or black curtains had to keep the lights off during an alert."

"We blacked out the head-

lights on our cars, leaving little circles of light in the center. The streetlights were turned off. The traffic signals were off, too. It was really black and it was difficult to find our way around. In '42 when I got married and left for my honeymoon, we had to turn the car around and come home because those peepholes didn't give off much light. We just couldn't see where we were going."

During one alert, Scofield recalls, she had to get into her Defense Corps uniform in complete darkness. Before heading out on foot, she remembered the essentials: her flashlight, her first-aid equipment and her small gun. Later, when the lights came on, she discovered that she had her shoes on the wrong feet.

"But we managed to still have fun," she says, adding that everyone seemed to be pulling together. "We didn't eat much meat, and sugar was rationed, but my folks had three lots. The house was on one, one was used for fruit trees, and the other was filled with lots of vegetables. We called them victory gardens . . . and we never went hungry."

Yup, they were challenging times. President Roosevelt declared that Americans had a "rendezvous with destiny."

This summer, Californians face a rendezvous with inconvenience, economic fallout and, well, cold food.



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POWER CRISIS BLACKOUTS should result in culinary concoctions made without heat of any kind, like this Taco Ranch Dip with tortilla chips, carrots and celery.

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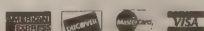
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Science explains memories prompted by fragrances past

BY WILLIAM RICE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A sniff of a cheese sandwich on the griddle pulls Chicago television commercial producer Lisa von Drehle back to a childhood conflict with her health-conscious mother. The memory of stew simmering in his mother's kitchen, triggered by odors wafting from a stockpot, inspires chef Allen Sternweiler to create "my favorite dish ever."

Preparing a meat loaf, author Nancy Hutchens is struck by the vision of Aunt Esther, author of the meat loaf, defending her as a child.

For Tony Kramer, one of nine children, the smell of chicken cooked by his mother brings back moments of family harmony at the dinner table. Preparing a "contemporary incarnation" of an old-fashioned slaw recipe, restaurateur Barbara Shinn finds herself recalling the women of her family who shaped and altered the recipe over the years. Stirring bread dough, advertising executive Cate Erickson is momentarily again a 5-year-old comforted by the smell of baking bread.

These all are memories of food and all of them are triggered to some degree by smell.

"Many authorities believe that the sense of smell has a more powerful impact upon the emotions than any of the other senses," says Dr. Alan R. Hirsch, a pioneer in research on memories triggered by smell.

This is the button novelist Marcel Proust inadvertently pushed when he sniffed a spoonful of tea in which lay some cake crumbs and evoked his remembrance of things past.

Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell & Taste Research and Treatment Foundation in Chicago, talks of "flash-bulb memories," so vivid are the re-creations.

Jacques Pepin, the French chef and television personality, adds: "It's immediate, unexpected and very powerful. You come into a kitchen, sniff something and suddenly you are 5 years old again." And Diane Ackerman, in her book "A Natural History of the Senses," writes "smell needs no interpreter. The effect is immediate, and undiluted by language, thought or translation."

This is because smell works somewhat differently than the other senses. As Hirsch explains it in a recently published book, "What Flavor is your Personality?", odor molecules are drawn into the nostrils each time we inhale. Moving at lightning speed, they race through a number of gateways and along corridors located directly behind the bridge of the nose to reach the limbic lobe of the brain, also known as the emotional brain.

"No other sensory receptors or processors have their home in the limbic center of the brain," Hirsch writes. "The sense of smell stands alone as a direct link to the emotional responses and emotional life."

This means odor molecules can dash right into the space occupied by emotions such as love and hate and moods such as anxiety and pleasure. They trigger an involuntary, immediate response. The reaction comes first, even before we have identified the source of the odor. Thus a frown of displeasure may turn to a smile when we finally see a piece of cheese whose pungent odor has preceded it to the table. "It's supposed to smell that way," we say to ourselves.

This becomes even more significant, Hirsch explains, when we consider that "smell may account for more than 90 percent of the sense we call taste."

As we chew, odor molecules from the food follow a route that begins at the back of the throat behind the soft palate to the olfactory nerves, reinforcing what the nose has learned. Add signals from the taste buds, located on the tongue and soft palate, and tactile sensations such as texture and temperature (sometimes called mouthfeel), and you have "flavor," the scientists say.

Taste "in the strict sense," David V. Smith and Robert F. Margolskee explain in the March issue of Scientific American, is limited to perception of saltiness, sourness, sweetness and bitterness and perhaps the glutamate-inspired sensation called umami. Smell and taste, known as the chemical senses, are far less developed in humans than in animals — perhaps, scientists theorize, because vision and hearing, which are processed



JAMES F. GUNN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HOME-STYLE FOODS such as meatloaf can trigger memories of childhood and loved family members who prepared meals

through the rational side of the brain, the cortex, are more important in a society of humans. Furthermore, smell is emotional. It does not have to be rational.

Combine this loose-cannon element with the realization that another area to which odor molecules have direct access is the storehouse of memories. From here come the odor-inspired flash-bulb recollections Hirsch and others cite.

A study Hirsch conducted, asking nearly 1,000 people, "Do any particular odors remind you of your childhood?" brought an 85 percent positive response. "Food and cooking" were cited by 38.9 percent of the participants, with fresh baked

goods the odor mentioned most often. Odors from nature, such as trees, rain and hay, rated 31.6 percent. No other odor — including smoke and soap — rated even 7 percent. (Curiously, pleasant odors are not as insistent as foul odors. We may lean forward, the better to inhale the odors from a flower, but will be repelled by a foul odor and seek to escape it.)

Nostalgia, meanwhile, is playing with our psyches, Hirsch says. It is not just a yearning for the past, but "a longing for an idealized state, a sanitized impression of the past, with all negative emotions filtered out." It is a "bittersweet" emotion because it represents a return to a

past that "never truly existed." That explains why the food served at the re-creation of a long-ago dinner party can be curiously unsatisfying.

For some, a food odor may evoke no sweet, only bitter. For example, while a whiff of pumpkin pie spice mix or hot turkey stuffing triggers nostalgic recollections of Thanksgiving dinner in many of us, it may cause an opposite reaction in those with dysfunctional families.

Another rude shock: Only 61 percent of participants age 60 or older said they had experienced olfactory-evoked recall. Among those under 60, the rate was 87 percent. Of course the elderly, many of whom suffer memory loss as well

as the loss of the ability to smell, may have smell-inspired visions of things past — and then forget them of their own to carry. Their attacks of nostalgia often were brought on by artificial odors such as Play-Doh and plastic, while the oldest ones cite natural odors such as sea air and pine.

Therefore, as the young enter the role of taste arbiters, will food memories be linked increasingly to artificial flavors?

That seems unlikely when, as many restaurants if not homes, use mashed potatoes and pristine vegetables are providing fresh food memories for a new generation

Kramer Muddy Chicken; The Cook Kuchen; Grandmother McCall's Salad Dressing; and Aunt Esther's Meat Loaf

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago hair stylist Tony Kramer shares vivid memories with eight siblings of a childhood family favorite created by their mother. The chicken, after browning, steams on a heat-proof plate set into a Dutch oven.

"There were nine of us kids in my house, so we ate homemade bread and chicken a lot," Kramer said.

"The smells in the kitchen were very soothing. Years later we had a family gathering and my mother asked what she should cook. Everyone said 'muddy chicken.'"

"It's so simple, maybe it isn't a recipe. I know she didn't measure anything."

"She'd brown chicken pieces, then steam them on a plate for a long time until the meat was falling off the bone."

"The debris made the juices 'muddy.' We'd be served a small piece and lots of mashed potatoes. It was our favorite dinner."

Kramer Muddy Chicken

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Yield: 4 servings
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon each salt, lemon pepper seasoning, garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 egg
2 tablespoons water
1 chicken, about 3 pounds, cut into 8 pieces, patted dry
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
1. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Stir together flour, salt, lemon pepper, garlic powder and black pepper in pie plate or shallow bowl; set aside. Whisk together egg and water in another pie plate or shallow bowl; set aside.

Dredge chicken in flour mixture; dip into egg mixture. Dredge in flour; shake off excess.

2. Heat oil in medium skillet over medium-high heat. Brown chicken in batches on all sides, about 4 minutes per batch. Place chicken on oven-proof plate that fits into bottom of medium Dutch oven.

Add chicken broth, and water if necessary, to depth of edge of plate. Heat to boil. Cover; place in oven. Cook until chicken falls off bone, about 2 hours.

Nutrition information per serving:

540 calories, 60 percent calories from fat, 35 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 160 mg cholesterol, 805 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrate, 46 g protein, 0.3 g fiber

Chicago advertising executive Cate Erickson is caretaker of a Cook family tradition passed from generation to generation: a Christmas morning bread. Adapted from the family recipe.

"The tradition of making kuchen, a Christmas morning bread, was passed down from my grandmother to my mother to me," said Erickson, an account supervisor at Leo Burnett USA in Chicago.

"I first stirred the kuchen dough standing on a chair when I was five or six."

"The smell when it was baking was so alluring and inviting."

"The aroma said to me, 'Everything is all right.'"

The Cook Kuchen

Preparation time: 30 minutes
Rising time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Cooking time: 40 minutes
Yield: One 2 1/4-pound loaf, about 12 servings

1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup warm (110 degrees) water
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon milk
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 cups flour
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup raisins
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1. Mix together yeast, 1 tablespoon of the sugar and water in small bowl. Set aside until bubbly, about 15 minutes.

Combine 1/4 cup sugar, 1/2 cup of the milk, butter and salt in medium saucepan. Cook, stirring, over low heat, until butter is melted. Pour milk mixture into large bowl. Add 1 cup of the flour; mix well.

Stir in yeast mixture, eggs and 1 1/2 cups of the flour to form sticky dough.

2. Transfer dough to lightly floured surface; knead in remaining 1 cup of flour until dough is smooth, elastic and slightly sticky, about 15 minutes.

Place dough in large, greased bowl; cover with towel. Let rise until doubled in size, about 1 1/2 hours. Place dough on lightly floured sur-

face; knead in raisins.

Shape into large round loaf. Place on greased baking sheet; cover with towel. Let rise 45 minutes.

3. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Brush loaf with remaining 1 tablespoon milk.

Mix cinnamon with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar in small dish; sprinkle loaf with cinnamon-sugar mixture. Bake until browned, about 40 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm, cut into thick slices, or toasted.

Nutrition information per serving: 245 calories, 16 percent calories from fat, 4.4 g fat, 2.3 g saturated fat, 45 mg cholesterol, 120 mg sodium, 47 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein, 2 g fiber

A well-loved family hand-me-down that has changed somewhat from generation to generation, this Barbara Shinn recipe is adapted from her "Recipes from Home," a new cookbook from the New York City restaurant Home.

"This is an old-fashioned sweetened tomato dressing that's been passed from mother to daughter in my family," said Shinn, co-author of "Recipes from Home."

"A nice alternative to today's vinaigrettes, it has changed slightly from generation to generation as tastes changed or ingredients became outdated."

"Although this is the contemporary incarnation with modern ingredients, we still call it 'Grandma's dressing.'"

Grandmother McCall's Salad Dressing

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Setting time: 30 minutes
Yield: 1 1/2 cups

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 small clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons each: Worcestershire sauce, sugar, minced onion
1/2 teaspoon each: Dijon mustard, kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon each: freshly ground pepper, sweet paprika
1/2 cup diced fresh tomatoes
1 small fresh bay leaf

1. Whisk together olive oil, red wine vinegar, garlic, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire, sugar, onion, mustard, salt, pepper and paprika in a medium bowl. Add tomatoes and bay leaf; stir until combined. Let sit 30 minutes to let flavors blend.

2. Remove bay leaf before using. (The dressing can be stored up to 1 month in refrigerator.)

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 40 calories, 93 percent calories from fat, 4.5 g fat, 0.6 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 45 mg

sodium, 0.7 g carbohydrate, 0 g protein, 0 g fiber

As a novice cook on an Indiana farm, author Nancy Hutchens learned the recipe for this fragrant meat loaf from her aunt. It is adapted from her book, "Memories of a Midwestern Farm."

"Mother's baby sister, Esther, was the aunt I could always count on to defend me when my brothers or cousins were getting the upper hand," Hutchens said.

"This meat loaf was her specialty and she taught me to make it when I was first learning to cook."

Aunt Esther's Meat Loaf

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour
Yield: 6 servings

Sauce:
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/3 cup each: water, apple cider vinegar

2 teaspoons yellow mustard

Meat loaf:

1 1/2 pounds ground round or chuck
1/2 pound bulk pork sausage
2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup cracker crumbs
1/2 cup ketchup
1/4 cup milk
1/2 onion, finely chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. For sauce, combine sugar, water, vinegar and mustard in small saucepan. Heat to boil. Remove from heat; set aside.

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees. For meat loaf, mix together all ingredients with hands in medium bowl.

Transfer to medium oven-proof skillet. Shape into 9-by-5-inch loaf. Pour sauce over meat loaf. Bake uncovered, until lightly browned and firm, and an instant-read thermometer inserted into center reads 160 degrees, about 55 minutes.

Let stand about 15 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving:

550 calories, 43 percent calories from fat, 26 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 160 mg cholesterol, 1,335 mg sodium, 52 g carbohydrate, 27 g protein, 0.8 g fiber

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Blackout

FROM PAGE 1

Power-crisis blackouts should result in culinary concoctions made without heat of any kind to save energy. No simmering, no sautéing, no sizzling. That part could be fun.

Why not plan blackout parties with the neighbors? Every household could bring a cold dish, an ice chest and a candle or two. Numerous ice chests will let you keep your refrigerator closed up tight to keep the cold. Also, make sure those cardinals have sturdy bases; position them out of reach of children and pets.

Play some boogie-woogie on the piano, pass out the bongo drums or, if your group is musically challenged, kick up some tunes on a battery-operated radio.

Instead of blackout blues, I'd like to think that we can embrace the spirit of innovation. Not everyone can plant a victory garden, but we can pack our pantries with luscious cold-dish provisions. The possibilities go way beyond eating sardines from a tin.

Olive oil-packed tuna mixed with diced green olives and lemon juice makes a delectable spread.

Mixing canned cannellini beans with minced mint or basil, extra-virgin olive oil, salt and pepper makes a quick bean salad.

Marinated artichokes or mushrooms, olives and roasted peppers served with rustic bread make instant antipasto.

Prepared sun-dried tomato pesto atop a cracker along with a slice of cheese or salami makes a luscious mini-sandwich.

Assorted nuts and dried apricots make a dandy dessert. OK, maybe a chocolate bar would make a tempting addition.

No-cook cooking presents some scrumptious choices. Here are six made-without-heat recipes that are sure to please the neighbors. I hope that 60 years from now, folks will remember energy-crisis camaraderie — and how good the cold concoctions tasted.

Dilled Salmon Spread

1 (6-ounce) can salmon (without skin or bones), drained
6 ounces room-temperature cream cheese
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
4 ounces smoked salmon, minced
1½ tablespoons minced fresh dill
OR 1½ teaspoons dried dill
Optional: Seasoned salt, to taste

For serving: Crackers, thinly sliced baguette, bagel chips

Cook's notes: If using "energy," a food-processor fitted with the metal blade can be used to combine salmon, cream cheese, lemon juice and horseradish.

In medium bowl, flake salmon with fork. Add cream cheese, lemon juice and horseradish. Smash with fork and stir with spoon until combined. Stir in smoked salmon and dill; stir to blend. Taste and add seasoned salt, if desired. Serve with crackers, thin bread slices or bagel chips.

Yield: About 2½ cups

Nutritional information (per 1-tablespoon serving): 24 calories, 1.8 grams protein, 0.2 grams carbohydrates, 1.8 grams fat, 68 percent calories from fat, 7 milligrams cholesterol, 56 milligrams sodium

Chicken Salad 'Seviche'

For marinade:
Juice of 6 or 7 limes, about ¾ cup
¼ cup olive oil
½ red onion, peeled and chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced (see cook's notes)

For salad:
2 store-bought, whole cooked chickens, skinned and cut into thin, lengthwise pieces, no more than ½ inch thick

1 large red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and trimmed
2 ripe avocados
2 hearts (tender inside leaves) of romaine lettuce

Cook's notes: Use caution when working with fresh chilies; wash hands and work surface thoroughly upon completion and do NOT touch your face or eyes.

In medium bowl, whisk marinade ingredients together. Set aside.

Place chicken in shallow glass or ceramic dish. Pour marinade over chicken. Cover and refrigerate 2 to 4 hours.

Cut pepper lengthwise into very thin slices. Peel avocados and cut lengthwise into thin slices. Arrange

lettuce on serving platter. Using slotted spoon, lift chicken out of marinade, letting excess marinade fall back into dish. Arrange chicken over lettuce. Top with pepper and avocado; drizzle with some marinade. Serve.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 470 calories, 48.9 grams protein, 8.3 grams carbohydrates, 26.8 grams fat, 51 percent calories from fat, 150 milligrams cholesterol, 174 milligrams sodium

Source: Adapted from "Chicken Salads" by Carole Lalli (Harper Collins, \$30)

Citrus-marinated Shrimp Cocktail

Yield: 1 cup orange juice

1 cup fresh lemon juice
¾ cup ketchup or "hot" seafood cocktail sauce (see cook's notes)
1/3 cup vodka
Optional: ¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce, such as Tabasco (see cook's notes)
¼ cup olive oil
1½ pounds cooked, peeled medium or large shrimp
½ to 1 small red onion, chopped
1 cup finely chopped cilantro

Cook's notes: If you use "hot" cocktail sauce rather than ketchup, omit the hot sauce.

Combine juices, ketchup or cocktail sauce, vodka, and hot pepper sauce, if using, in large bowl

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PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM FURY

Vegetarian cooking: Portobello meets pasta

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Cut in generous chunks, portobello mushrooms make the sauce for this vegetarian dish. Whole Wheat Fettuccine With Wild Mushroom Sauce, seem meaty and satisfying. It works perfectly without grated cheese.

The recipe is among a selection in "One-Pot Meals: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life," a booklet published by the American Institute for Cancer Research and available free on request.

This is not a vegetarian-only collection, although many of the recipes can easily be adapted for vegetarians.

The premise of the booklet is that weight management and good health are promoted by a healthy style of eating that uses a large proportion of vegetables, fruits, whole grains or beans, with only small amounts of animal protein.

In one-pot dishes, the advantage is that all the ingredients cook together and their many flavors combine to rich and tasty effect.

Whole Wheat Fettuccine with Wild Mushroom Sauce

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup minced shallots
Two 6-ounce packages sliced portobello mushrooms, stemmed and cut in 3/4-inch pieces
1/2 pound white mushrooms, stemmed and thinly sliced
1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary or 1/2 teaspoon dried, crushed
1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
12 ounces whole wheat fettuccine or spaghetti
1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/4 cup minced Italian parsley

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add shallots. Sauté until soft, 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add mushrooms. Sauté until tender and liquid has evaporated, about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add rosemary and broth. Simmer until two-thirds of the liquid

has evaporated, 5 to 8 minutes. The white mushrooms should be very soft and the portobellos still chunky.

Meanwhile, boil water for cooking pasta.

Just after adding broth to mushrooms, add pasta to the boiling water. Cook according to package directions.

Drain well. Transfer pasta to serving bowl or divide among dinner plates.

Stir capers into mushrooms. Season sauce with salt and pepper, if desired.

Divide mushroom sauce over pasta. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 258 cal., 11 g pro., 48 g carbo., 3 g fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 8 g dietary fiber, 82 mg sodium.

A free copy of "One-Pot Meals: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life" is available by calling 800-843-8114, ext. 09. Or on the Net: <http://www.aicr.org>.

Grilled Steak and Mushrooms with Herbed Baguette and Zippy Potato Salad

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

For steak, try a "dry rub" barbecued. The blend of spices are rubbed onto the meat forming a flavorful crust. It's a great alternative to a marinade, because you don't have to wait for the meat to absorb the marinade flavors.

For this menu of Grilled Steak and Mushrooms with Herbed Baguette, the steak and mushrooms can be barbecued or broiled. If you barbecue, heat only one section of the grill. The meat is cooked over the heat. To keep the mushrooms from drying out with this fast grilling method, place them in a disposable aluminum tray or heavy-duty aluminum foil away from the direct heat. If using a broiler, cook the mushrooms at least 10 inches from heat.

The steak is accompanied by Zippy Potato Salad, which has the zip of horseradish in its vinaigrette base. Asparagus, pimiento and scallions add color and flavor.

This meal contains 761 calories per serving with 30 percent of calories from fat.

Helpful hints

Steak cooking time is for a 1-inch thick steak. Cook 2 minutes longer for 2-inch thick cut or less for thinner steak.

If using broiler, use the same cooking times.

Countdown

1. Heat grill or broiler.
2. Start potatoes boiling.
3. Make rub and cover steak and mushrooms.

4. Complete potato salad.
5. Grill steak and mushrooms.

Fred Tasker's wine suggestion: Spicy steak! How about a nice, spicy, all-American red zinfandel?

Shopping list

Here are the ingredients you'll need for tonight's Dinner in Minutes.

- To buy: 3/4 pound red potatoes, 1/2 pound fresh asparagus, 1 small bunch scallions, 1/2 pound whole portobello mushrooms, 1 small jar prepared horseradish, 3/4 pound grilling steak: skirt, rib eye, strip or flank, 1 can olive oil spray, 1 jar Dijon mustard 1 French baguette and 1 can sweet pimentos.

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■ Staples: Cider vinegar, garlic, olive oil, ground cumin, chili powder, dried oregano, ground cinnamon, dark brown sugar, salt and black peppercorns.

Zippy Potato Salad

3/4 pound red potatoes
1/2 pound fresh asparagus
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 tablespoon horseradish
1/2 cup drained sweet pimentos, thinly sliced
2 scallions, washed and sliced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Wash potatoes, do not peel and cut into 2-inch pieces. Place in large saucepan and cover with cold water. Cover with a lid and boil 10 minutes. Wash asparagus and break off woody ends of the stems. Cut into 2-inch pieces. Add to potatoes and continue to boil 5 minutes more. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk vinegar and mustard together.

Add olive oil and horseradish. Blend well. Drain potatoes and asparagus. Add to bowl along with pimentos and scallions. Toss well. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 248 calories, 7 grams protein, 46 grams carbohydrate, 5 grams fat, 12 percent of calories as fat, 5.6 grams fiber, no cholesterol, 231 milligrams sodium.

Grilled Steak and Mushrooms with Herbed Baguette

3/4 pound grilling steak: skirt, rib eye, strip or flank
1/2 pound whole portobello mushrooms
2 tablespoons ground cumin
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon dark brown sugar
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 French baguette
Olive oil spray

LINDA GASSENHEIMER

Dinner in Minutes

1 garlic clove, whole
1 teaspoon oregano
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat grill or broiler. Rub all fat from steak. Wash mushrooms and pat dry with paper towel. Cut stems off if long. In a small bowl mix cumin, chili powder, cinnamon and brown sugar together. Sprinkle on steak and press into meat, reserving some for mushrooms.

Brush mushroom and stems with oil. Place them in bowl and press rub onto all sides. Cut baguette in half and then cut each piece in half lengthwise. Place on tray crust side down and spray with olive oil spray. Cut garlic in half and rub over bread. Sprinkle with oregano.

Put mushrooms in disposable aluminum dish or on heavy-duty foil. Place on grill away from direct heat. Sear steak 1 minute on each side over direct heat, and continue to grill 5 minutes on each side. Place bread on grill for 1 minute to toast.

Remove steak and mushrooms to carving board and slice. Serve with bread. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 512 calories, 44 grams protein, 34 carbohydrates, 23 grams fat, 40 percent of calories as fat, 4.9 grams fiber, 102 milligrams cholesterol, 376 milligrams sodium.

Linda Gassenheimer is the author of five cookbooks including her newest, "Low Carb Meals in Minutes" published by Bay Books. Visit Linda on her web page at www.heald.com/dinner or email Linda at DinnerLin@aol.com

Grilled vegetarian quesadillas

BY RUSS PARSONS AND JENNIFER LOWE

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Portobello Mushroom Quesadillas

Active Work Time: 30 minutes. Total Preparation Time: 45 minutes plus 1 hour standing. Vegetarian.

From "Barbecues 101" by Rick Rodgers (Broadway, \$15), Fontina has a mild mushroom flavor that goes so well with the grilled portobellos that, although you can substitute Jack or mozzarella, it's worth searching out. Garlic oil is great for grilling vegetables, meats and poultry when you want just a bit more flavor. Or use it in a vinaigrette. Make it in small batches because it tends to spoil quickly, even when refrigerated.

Garlic Oil

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 large cloves garlic, crushed under a knife

Heat the oil and garlic in a saucepan over very low heat until tiny bubbles appear around the garlic, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and let the oil stand 1 hour. Use a slotted spoon to discard the garlic.

Quesadillas

4 portobello mushrooms, stems trimmed and discarded
Garlic Oil
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
8 (8-inch) flour tortillas
1 cup shredded Fontina cheese
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or a combination of rosemary, sage and thyme

Build a charcoal fire in an outdoor grill and let it burn until the coals are covered with white ash. In a gas grill, preheat on high.

Lightly oil the cooking rack. Brush the mushroom caps liberally with garlic oil and lightly season them with salt and pepper. Place

the mushrooms on the grill and cover. Grill, turning once, until the mushrooms are tender, about 6 minutes. Transfer them to a cutting board and slice into 1/2-inch-wide strips.

Place 4 tortillas on a work surface and sprinkle each with 1/4 cup of the cheese. Top with equal amounts of the mushroom strips, sprinkle with the herbs, then carefully place each on the grill. Top each with one of the remaining tortillas.

Grill the quesadillas until the underside is lightly browned, about 45 seconds, then turn and grill to brown the other side. Cut each quesadilla into 6 wedges and serve immediately. Serves eight.

Each serving: 229 calories; 306 mg sodium; 19 mg cholesterol; 14 grams fat; 5 grams saturated fat; 18 grams carbohydrates; 8 grams protein; 1.55 grams fiber.

A hot soup for a hot day

This recipe comes from Dorothy, who works down the hall in Paper Planning. She described it as "simple," so I figured it would be perfect for our experiment in unskilled cooking.

With the recipe doubled, the price of the ingredients came to around \$16, and since the soup serves two as an entree (four when doubled), it came in at around \$4.50 per meal. Here's what we had to work with:

Toscana Soup

2 3/4 cups chicken stock or broth
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 medium russet potato
2 cups kale, chopped
1/2 pound spicy Italian sausage
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Grill or sauté the sausage. When cooked and cooled, cut at an angle into 1/2-thick slices. Combine the stock and cream in a saucepan over medium heat. Slice the unpeeled potato into 1/4-inch slices, then quarter the slices. Add to the soup. Add the kale. Add the spices and let the soup simmer for about an hour, stirring occasionally.

Cooking with confusion

We began this project Saturday morning.

"Why are we cooking at 10 a.m.?" he asked.
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ERIC TUROWSKI

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"What?"

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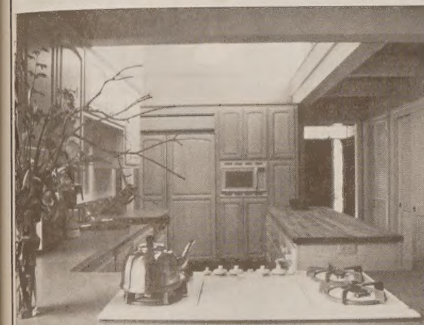
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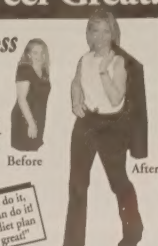
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Whisk in oil.

Add shrimp, onion and cilantro; mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or up to 6 hours. Partially drain before serving. (I like to drain off about 1/3 of liquid, then spoon mixture along with liquid into individual footed glasses).

Yield: 6 appetizer servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 281 calories, 24.8 grams protein, 16.7 grams carbohydrates, 10.5 grams fat, 34 percent calories from fat, 221 milligrams cholesterol, 620 milligrams sodium

Source: Adapted from *Bon Appetit* magazine, April 2000

Island Bread Salad with Tomatoes and Olives

3 medium, ripe tomatoes, diced (include all juice and seeds)
1 small red onion, diced
1 cup pitted, dry-cured black olives, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1/2 pound coarse-textured sourdough bread, 3 to 4 days old

1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint

In large serving bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, olives, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Tear bread into 1/2- to 1-inch pieces. This salad can be made to this point 1 to 3 hours in advance.

Just before serving, add bread to tomato mixture and toss. Sprinkle

with mint and serve immediately.

Yield: 6 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 246 calories, 4.3 grams protein, 26.3 grams carbohydrates, 14.6 grams fat, 53 percent calories from fat, no cholesterol, 476 milligrams sodium

Source: "You Say Tomato" by Joanne Weir (Broadway, \$16)

Sunset Deli Sandwiches

1 loaf about 4 1/2 inches wide, 12 to 14 inches long

1/2 cup vinaigrette-style salad dressing, homemade or store-bought

1/2 cup finely chopped cucumber

1/2 cup finely chopped tomato

2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives

OR green onion

3-4 ounces thinly sliced Swiss cheese

12 thin green bell pepper rings

6 to 9 ounces thin-sliced cooked turkey breast

12 pieces thin-sliced salami, about 3 ounces

3 thin red onion slices, separated into rings

With serrated knife, horizontally slice 1 inch off top of loaf. Pull soft center from bottom half of loaf, making shell with 1/2-inch-thick walls. Reserve soft bread for other uses.

In bowl, mix vinaigrette dressing with cucumber, tomato, and chives or green onion. Brush or spoon about half liquid from dressing mixture evenly over interior of hollow shell. Also spoon enough of the liquid on cut side of loaf top to moisten. Fill cavity with cucumber mixture.

Layer cheese, bell pepper,

turkey, salami and onion in shell. Drizzle remaining dressing over filling. Wrap sandwiches in foil, wax paper or plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 3 hours for best results (but no more than 24 hours).

Unwrap and cut crosswise into about 6 sandwiches.

Yield: 6 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 466 calories, 24.3 grams protein, 44.5 grams carbohydrates, 20.9 grams fat, 40 percent calories from fat, 53 milligrams cholesterol, 823 milligrams sodium

Source: "Sunset Recipe Annual" by the editors of Sunset Magazine and Sunset Books (Sunset, \$21.95)

Taco Ranch Dip

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

3/4 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons buttermilk

1 (1.25-ounce) packet taco seasoning mix

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

For serving: Carrot and celery sticks, tortilla chips

Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, seasoning and lime juice. Can be prepared 1 day ahead and refrigerated, well sealed.

Serve with carrot and celery sticks and/or tortilla chips.

Yield: About 2 1/3 cups

Nutritional information (per tablespoon): 78 calories, 0.3 grams protein, 1.3 grams carbohydrates, 8.1 grams fat, 93 percent calories from fat, 7 milligrams cholesterol, 142 milligrams sodium

Source: Adapted from *Bon Appetit* magazine, June 2000

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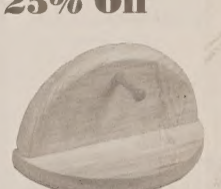
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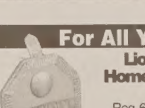


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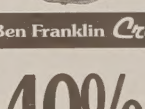
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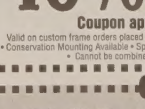


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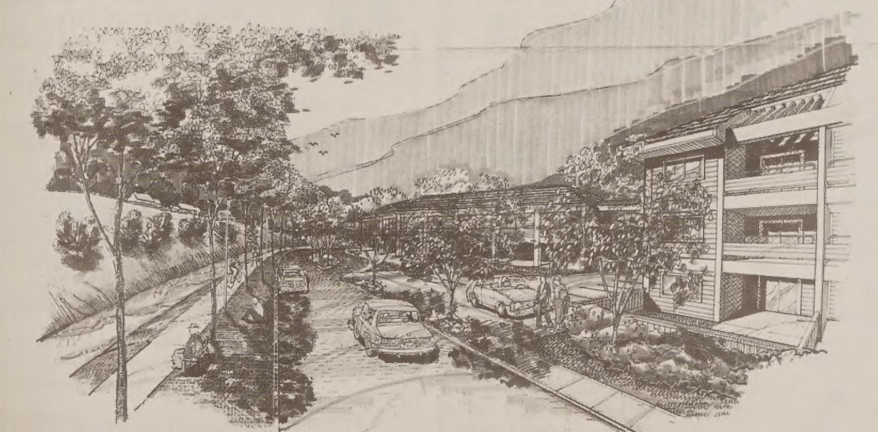
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Batchelor

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Following the recipe like a blueprint (women cook food, men build meals (and, occasionally, men barbecue)), we dumped our broth and cream into a pot that was too small. We then sheepishly transferred this to a larger vessel.

"Do the sausages go on the side?" the batchelor asked, cracking a beer.

"Why are you drinking beer at 10 in the morning?"

"I always drink beer when I cook. We added beer that time we made chili, remember? Anyway, the recipe never says to add sausage."

"Well, we better put it in first so we have room on the counter to chop the veggies."

He nodded. "Good thinking."

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Surprisingly, our batchelor hacked up the kale and potatoes with stunning speed.

"Public television," he said. "I used to watch it when they blacked out the Raider games. Martin Yan — he can cook."

"I get some food channel on the satellite dish. We're kicking it up a notch! Bam! I need, oh, about 27 cloves a' gahili!"

Once everything went into the

pot, we gazed in confusion. The solid ingredients took up way too much space.

"That doesn't look like soup," the batchelor said.

I agreed, and in a panic, called in my house (that's roomie in a bigger structure). She eyed the full pot.

"How long does it need to cook?" she asked.

"An hour."

"Oh, then go ahead and add half a can of water to it. It'll boil down. The kale will shrink up, too."

"What's the white stuff?"

"Cream ... why?"

"Oh, well," she sighed. "Too late now."

"What, what?" we asked, frantically.

"Well, usually you put that in at the end. It makes the soup more creamy that way."

"When you heat it up for a long time, it curdles a little."

"You didn't put beer in it, did you?"

"Uh, no ..."

"Where's the spices? We need to add spices," said I.

From the bottom kitchen drawer, the batchelor pulled out a fistful of small packets, some from pizza delivery, some from fast food bags.

"Crushed red pepper," he said, "mustard, ketchup, pepper,

honey mustard sauce, ketchup ... ah ha! And salt. How do you measure a quarter of a teaspoon?"

He held up a teaspoon, eyeing it. My houseie left, shaking her head.

"Just 'Emeril' it."

He ripped open the packets. "Bam!" he shouted, tossing spices in the general direction of the pot. "I'm kicking it up a notch! Bam!"

Lessons learned

1) When making a soup with cream, add the cream last.

2) Recipes occasionally leave steps out (like when to add the main ingredient).

3) You can add water to things that boil for long periods of time.

Constructive criticism

Next time, leave out the salt. Cut back on the crushed red pepper, and add thyme for a more finished flavor.

All and all, not a bad tasting soup. Even the kids liked it.

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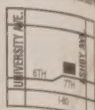
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